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Captain DARING



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CAPTAIN DARING, SCOURGE OF THE FREEBOOTING SEA-RAIDERS THAT THREATEN THE SEASHORE COLONIES, FACES AND FIGHTS OVERWHELMING ODDS WITH GAY COURAGE AND GRIM JUSTICE!

IN ONE VICTORIOUS DASH AFTER ANOTHER, CAPTAIN DARING AND HIS BRAVE SEA DOGS FIGHT BACK LAWLESS PIRACY...



AT 'EM, LADS! SCUPPER THE LAST ROGUE OF THEM!

AND THE NEWS PLEASES GOVERNOR SIR MARK DRAYTON OF ILLYRIA COLONY!

ANOTHER DISPATCH FRESH FROM CAPTAIN DARING, DOLORES! HE'S SUNK ANOTHER OUTLAW SHIP... THE LAD SEEMS TO BE EVERYWHERE!

NOT QUITE, UNCLE MARK! HE'S EVERYWHERE BUT... HERE WITH ME!



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I WAIT FOR HIM TO RETURN FROM AN ADVENTURE! I *ALWAYS* WAIT, AND...

AND, HE ALWAYS RETURNS, MY PRETTY! WITHIN THE WEEK HE'LL BE BACK TO PAY HIS COURT TO YOU!

FROM OUTSIDE, THE CONVERSATION IS OVERHEARD...

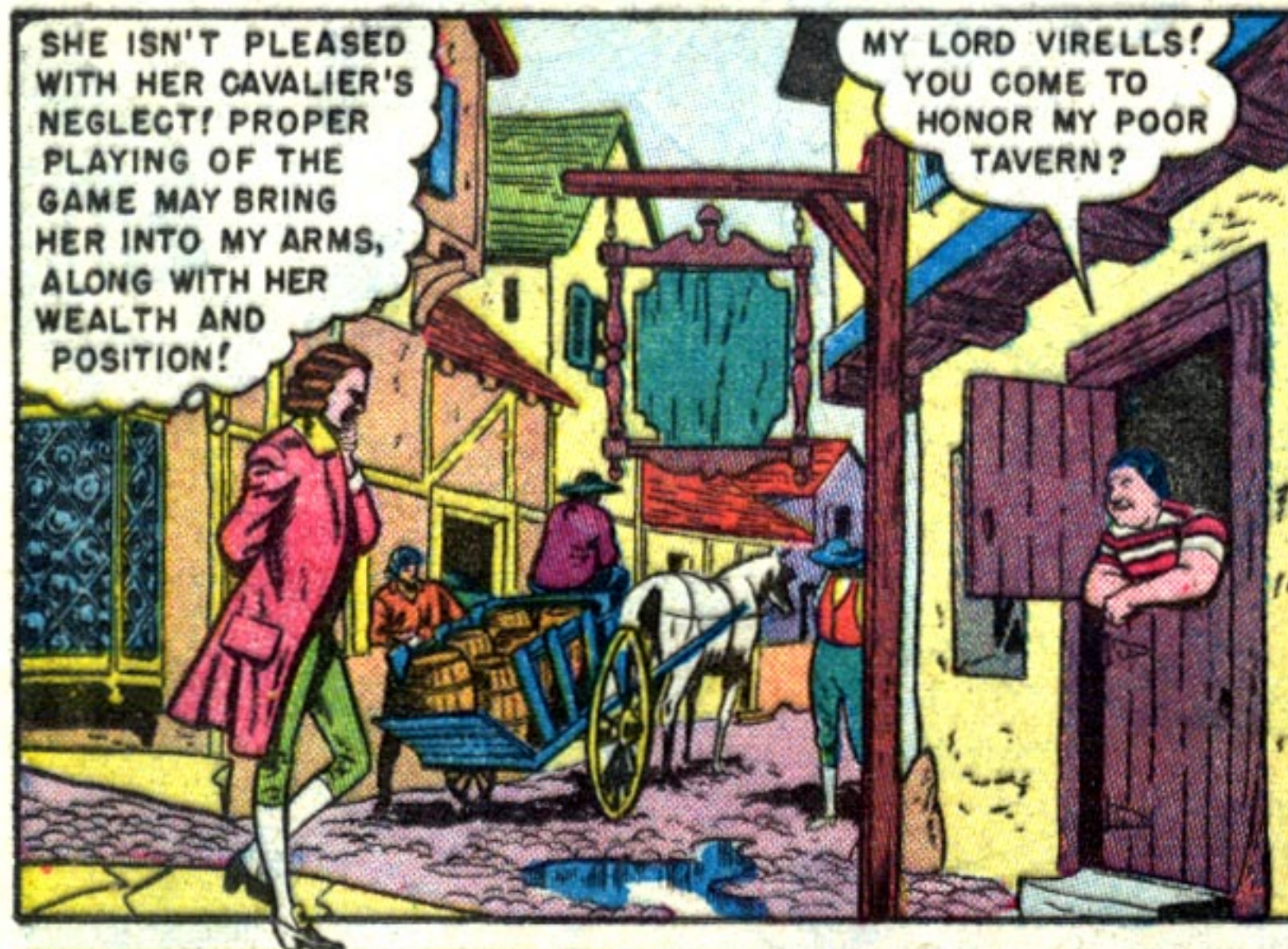
LET HIM COME... HE WON'T FIND ME! I SAIL WITH THE MERCHANT-MAN *SWALLOW*... HOME TO THE MOTHER COUNTRY FOR A SPACE!

BEGAD, I DON'T UNDERSTAND WOMEN, NOT EVEN MY OWN NIECE! IS THIS THE WAY TO KEEP THE LOVE OF A MAN LIKE CAPTAIN DARING?

...BY DOLORES' REJECTED SUITOR, LORD VIRELLS!

I THINK IT MAY IMPRESS HIM TO FIND ME NOT HERE TO GREET HIM! WHEN I RETURN NEXT SEASON, HE MAY SPEND MORE TIME WITH ME AND LESS WITH HIS ROVING PIRATE-HUNTERS!

MAYHAP MY FORTUNES ARE NOT ALL VANISHED!

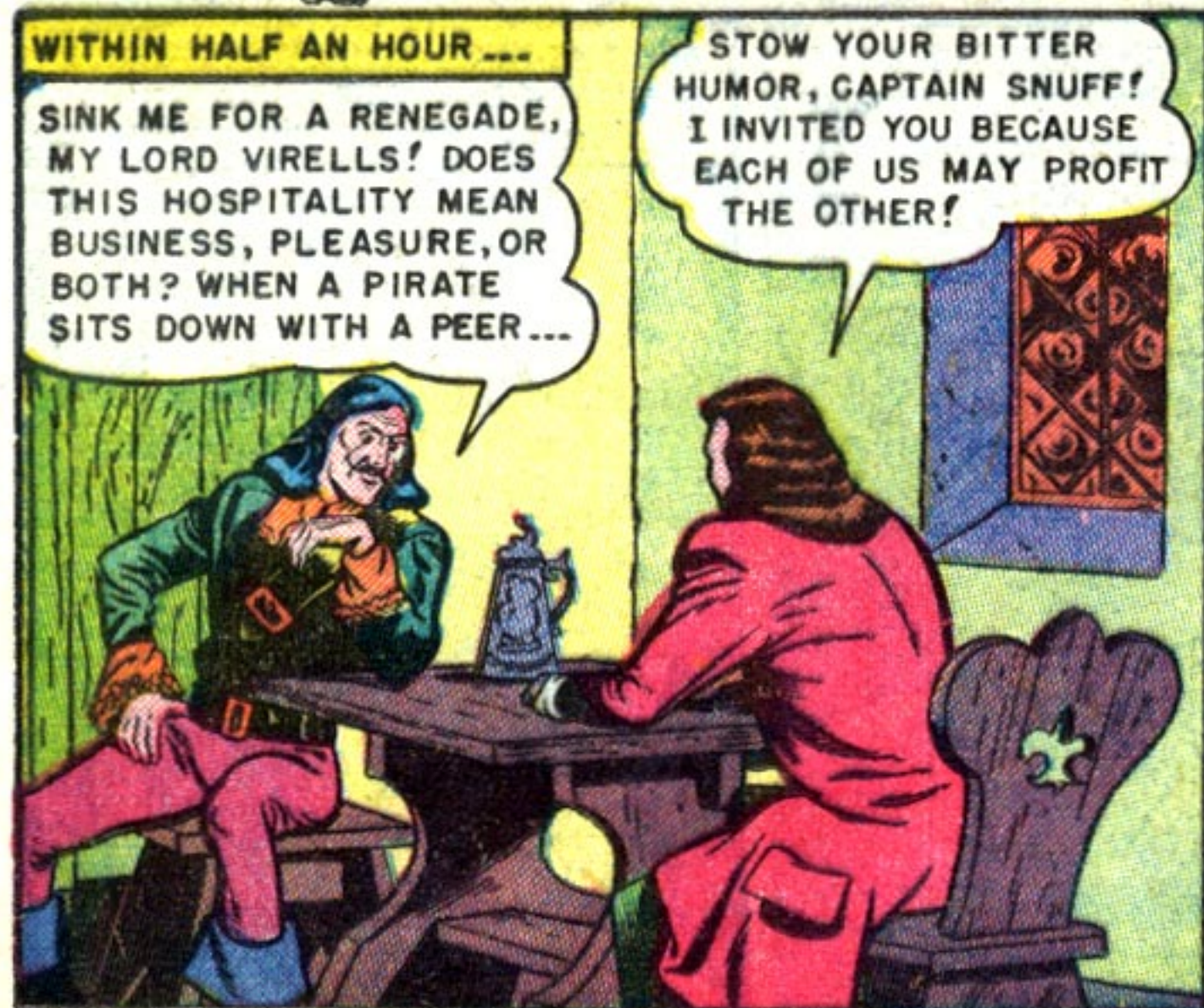


SHE ISN'T PLEASED WITH HER CAVALIER'S NEGLECT! PROPER PLAYING OF THE GAME MAY BRING HER INTO MY ARMS, ALONG WITH HER WEALTH AND POSITION!

MY LORD VIRELLS! YOU COME TO HONOR MY POOR TAVERN?

AYE, MINE HOST! YOU AND I KNOW THAT THE PIRATE CHIEF, *CAPTAIN SNUFF*, LURKS IN ILLYRIA, DISGUISED! BRING HIM TO DRINK WINE WITH ME IN YOUR QUIET UPPER ROOM... QUICKLY!

AS YOU COMMAND, MY LORD!



WITHIN HALF AN HOUR...

SINK ME FOR A RENEGADE, MY LORD VIRELLS! DOES THIS HOSPITALITY MEAN BUSINESS, PLEASURE, OR BOTH? WHEN A PIRATE SITS DOWN WITH A PEER...

STOW YOUR BITTER HUMOR, CAPTAIN SNUFF! I INVITED YOU BECAUSE EACH OF US MAY PROFIT THE OTHER!

SUPPOSE I TOLD YOU THAT THE MERCHANT-MAN *SWALLOW* WOULD SOON CLEAR FOR HER PORT AT HOME, UNESCORTED BY ANY ARMED CRAFT? WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

I MIGHT CHASE HER, SEIZE HER, PLUNDER HER... AND REWARD YOU, MY LORD, WITH WHATEVER TREASURE ABOARD YOU MIGHT FANCY!



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ALL I WISH IS SIR MARK DRAYTON'S NIECE...THE LADY DOLORES, WHO WILL BE A PASSENGER ON THAT CRAFT!

I'VE SEEN HER FROM A DISTANCE! SHE'S YOURS, MY LORD, FOR THIS NEWS OF LOOT FOR ME! WILL YOU TAKE A PINCH FROM MY SNUFF-BOX?



BUT I WANT TO RESCUE HER FROM YOU! ONCE I PERSUADE HER THAT I'M FAITHFUL, BRAVE, VENTURESOME...

I SEE YOUR DEVICE! THEN FOLLOW IN A SMALL CRAFT, AT A GOOD DISTANCE! MY OWN VESSEL WILL CAPTURE THE *SWALLOW*!



YOU SAIL BRAVELY FORWARD! WE ABANDON THE *SWALLOW*, TAKING ALL LOOT SAVE LADY DOLORES HERSELF! AS WE RETREAT, YOU RESCUE HER, AND...

AND IT'S A BARGAIN, CAPTAIN SNUFF! THE LOOT'S YOURS, THE LADY'S MINE!



THREE DAYS LATER, AT THE WATERFRONT...

CALL ALL HANDS! THE *REVENGE* IS COMING INTO PORT!

I SHALL GREET CAPTAIN DARING IN PERSON!



THRICE WELCOME, CAPTAIN DARING! WHAT BRINGS YOU TO US?

A GIFT YOU'LL RELISH, YOUR EXCELLENCY! PATCH WILL PRESENT TWO RASCALLY PIRATE CHIEFS WE TOOK CAPTIVE AS WE SANK THEIR THIEVING HULKS!



TO THE DUNGEON WITH THEM! I MYSELF WILL BE JUDGE AT THEIR TRIAL!

THE PEARL FISHING FOLK ON CONDOR CAY PRESENTED ME WITH THIS GIFT FOR SAVING THEIR CATCH! I'LL HONOR MYSELF BY OFFERING IT TO LADY DOLORES!

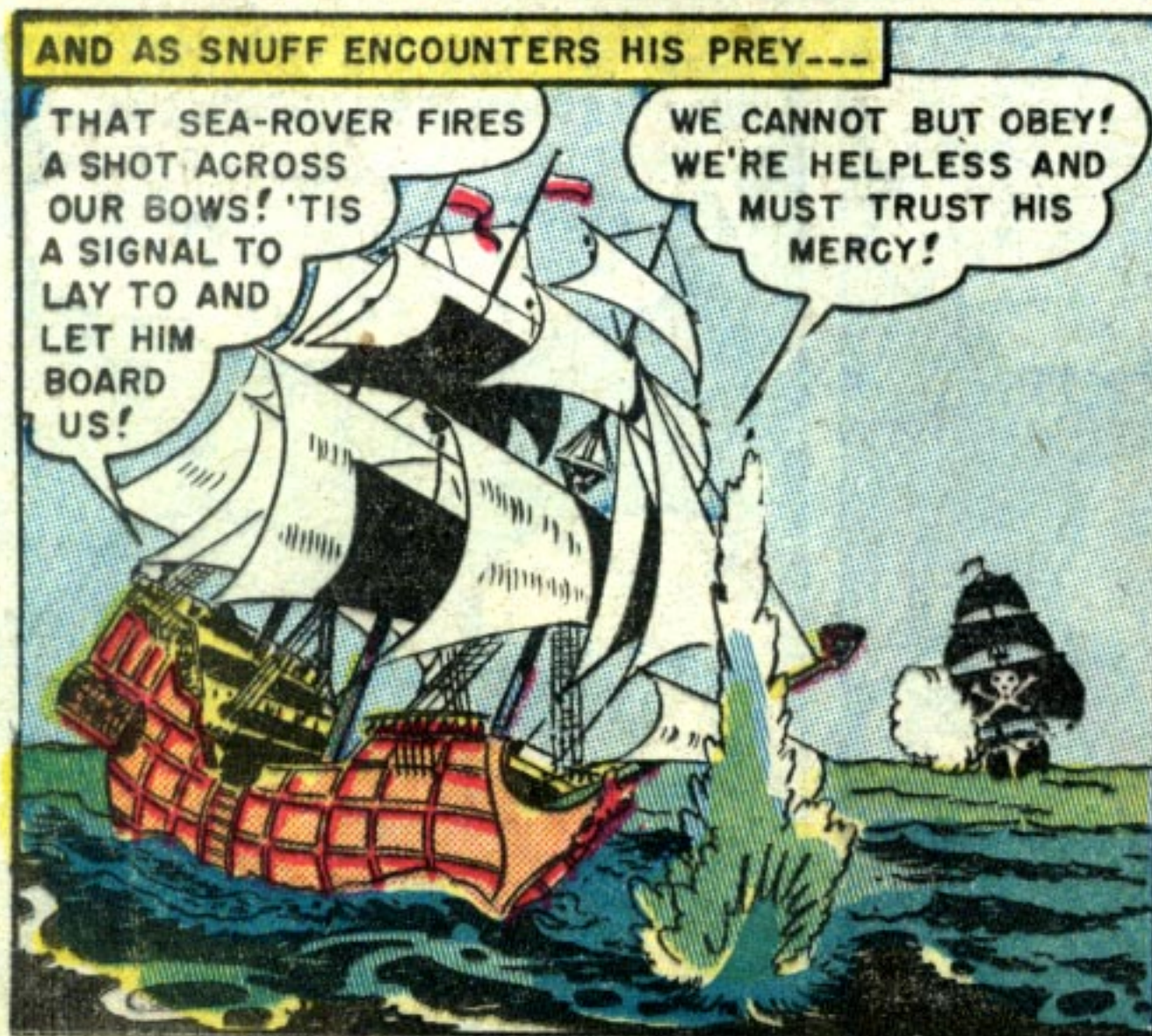
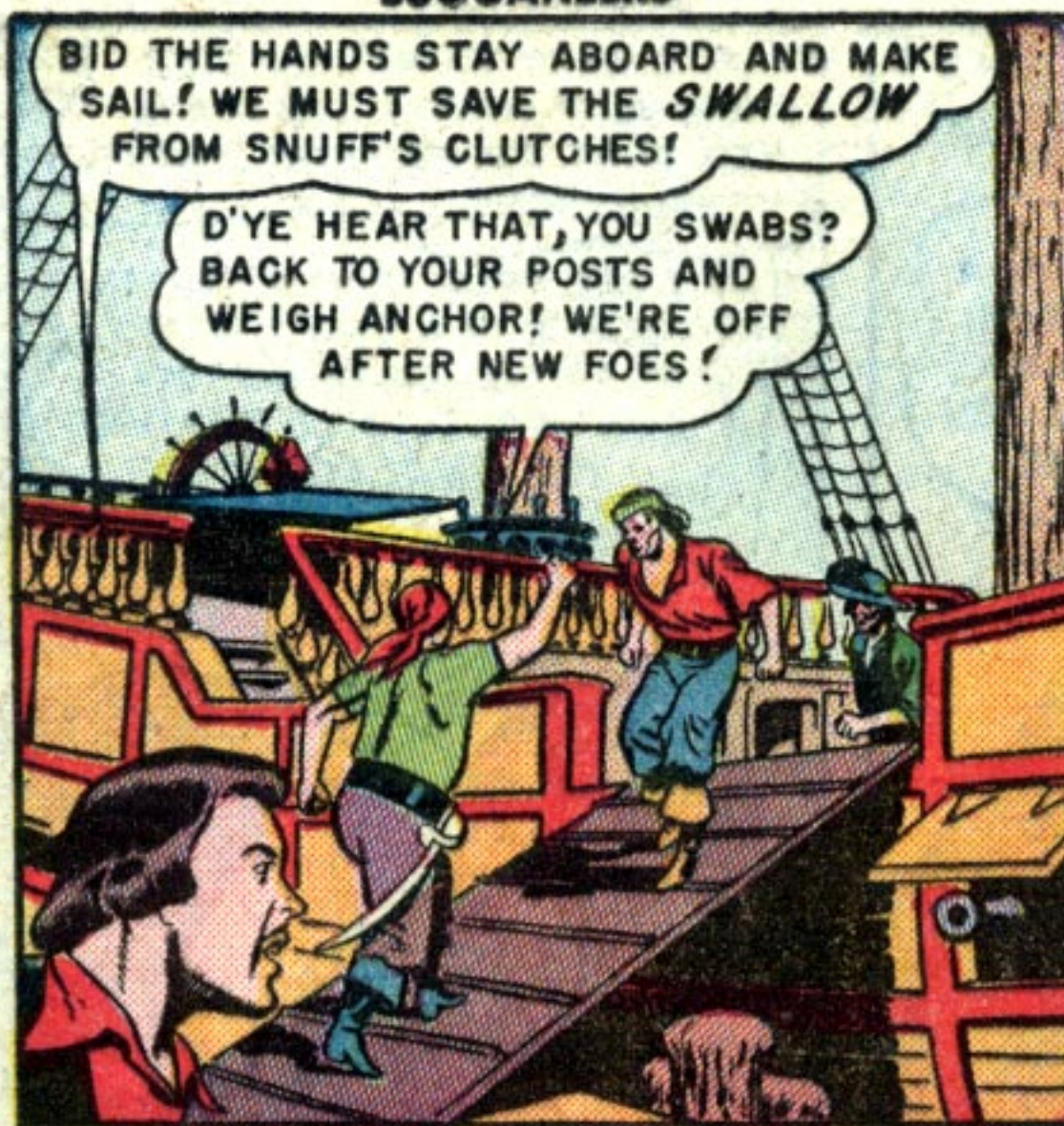


AHEM! DOLORES SAILED WITH THE MERCHANTMAN *SWALLOW*...EASTWARD TO...

EASTWARD? UNSAY THAT, SIR MARK! DANGER LIES TO THE EAST!!



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SEIZE HIM, BULLIES! OVERSIDE WITH HIM...LET THE WATER COOL HIS HUMOR!

AND WHAT OF ME, CAPTAIN SNUFF?



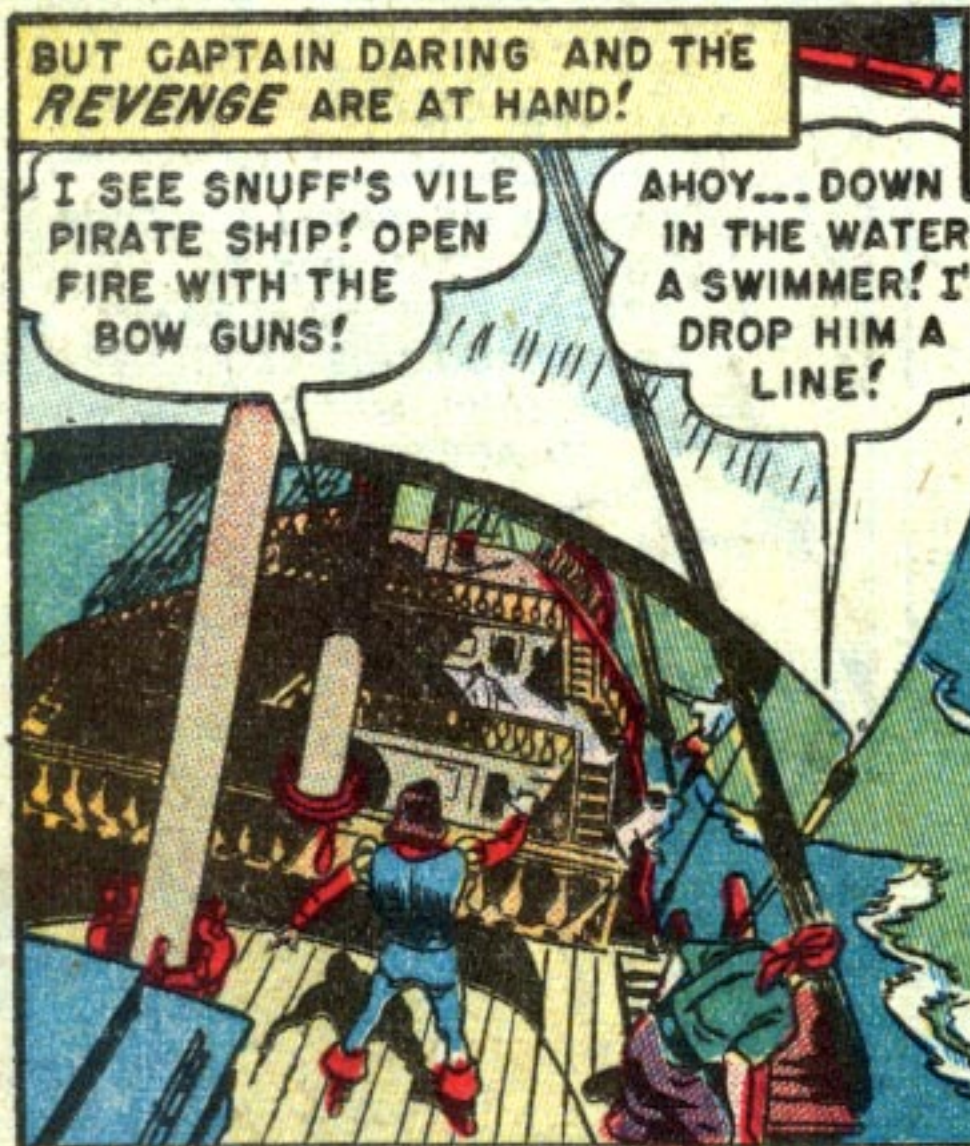
YOU, MY LADY! EGAD, YOU GO ABOARD MY OWN CRAFT WITH THE *OTHER* TREASURE OF THE *SWALLOW*! I PROMISE MYSELF THE PLEASURE OF YOUR *PERMANENT* COMPANY!



AND SNUFF'S RAIDING CRAFT SAILS AWAY!

HONOR MY CABIN WITH YOUR RADIANT PRESENCE, LADY DOLORES! YOU'LL FIND ME A GOOD COMPANION WHEN YOU GET TO KNOW ME!

CAPTAIN DARING... IF HE WERE BUT HERE, YOU'D SING A DIFFERENT TUNE!



BUT CAPTAIN DARING AND THE *REVENGE* ARE AT HAND!

I SEE SNUFF'S VILE PIRATE SHIP! OPEN FIRE WITH THE BOW GUNS!

AHOY... DOWN IN THE WATER! A SWIMMER! I'LL DROP HIM A LINE!



OUR FIRST SHOT NEARLY BARKED HER! FIRE AGAIN...CLOSER TO THE MARK!

NO, CAPTAIN DARING! HOLD YOUR FIRE! DOLORES IS ABOARD THAT SHIP!



CAPTAIN SNUFF WAS GOING TO LET ME RESCUE HER...BUT WAS FALSE TO HIS WORD AND TOOK HER PRISONER!

YOU MISERABLE DOG, HER PLIGHT IS OF YOUR DOING! AVAST FIRING, MEN, AND PUT THIS SORRY SPARK UNDER HATCHES! PURSUE SNUFF AND BOARD HIM!



BUT CAPTAIN SNUFF SHOWS HIS HEELS TO THE *REVENGE*!

HE SAILS INTO THAT CLIFF-BOUND HARBOR!

AYE, AND GUNS ABOVE FIRE AT US! WE CAN'T FOLLOW HIM!



OUR ONLY HOPE IS TO SAIL AROUND THE ISLAND AND LOOK FOR AN UNGUARDED LANDING ON THE FAR SIDE!

BY THEN IT MAY BE TOO LATE TO SAVE DOLORES!

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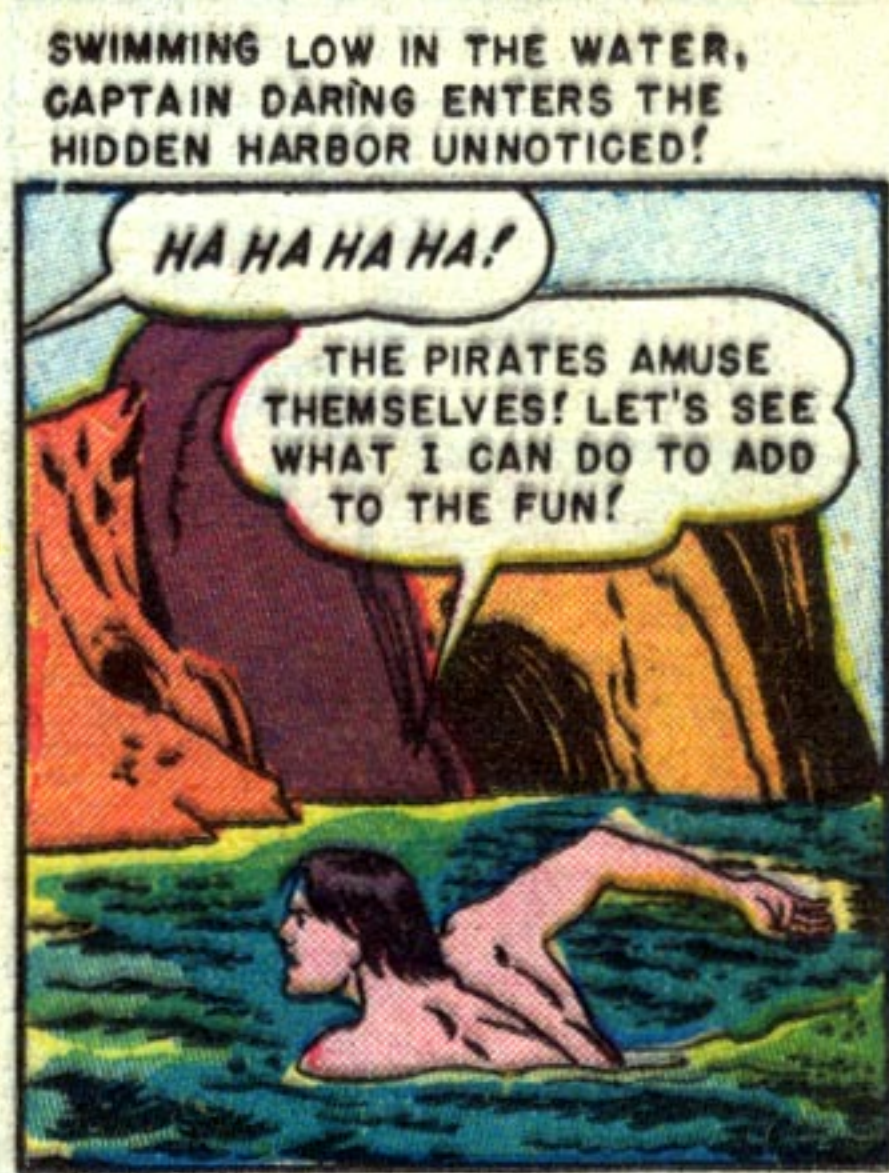
PATCH, SAIL AROUND AND LOOK FOR A LANDING! LEAD A PARTY OVERLAND TO TAKE THE PIRATE CAMP FROM THE REAR!

BUT YOU, CAP'N... YOU SURELY DON'T MEAN TO...



AYE! MEET ME IN THE HEART OF SNUFF'S STRONGHOLD!

THERE GOES CAPTAIN DARING... FOOL, HOTHEAD, AND... THE MOST VALIANT ALIVE!



SWIMMING LOW IN THE WATER, CAPTAIN DARING ENTERS THE HIDDEN HARBOR UNNOTICED!

HA HA HA HA!

THE PIRATES AMUSE THEMSELVES! LET'S SEE WHAT I CAN DO TO ADD TO THE FUN!



ASHORE...

PROUD AND DEFIANT STILL! WHAT A QUEEN YOU WILL MAKE FOR A PIRATE EMPIRE!

NEVER THAT, IF IT MEANS THAT A WORM LIKE YOU WILL BE KING!



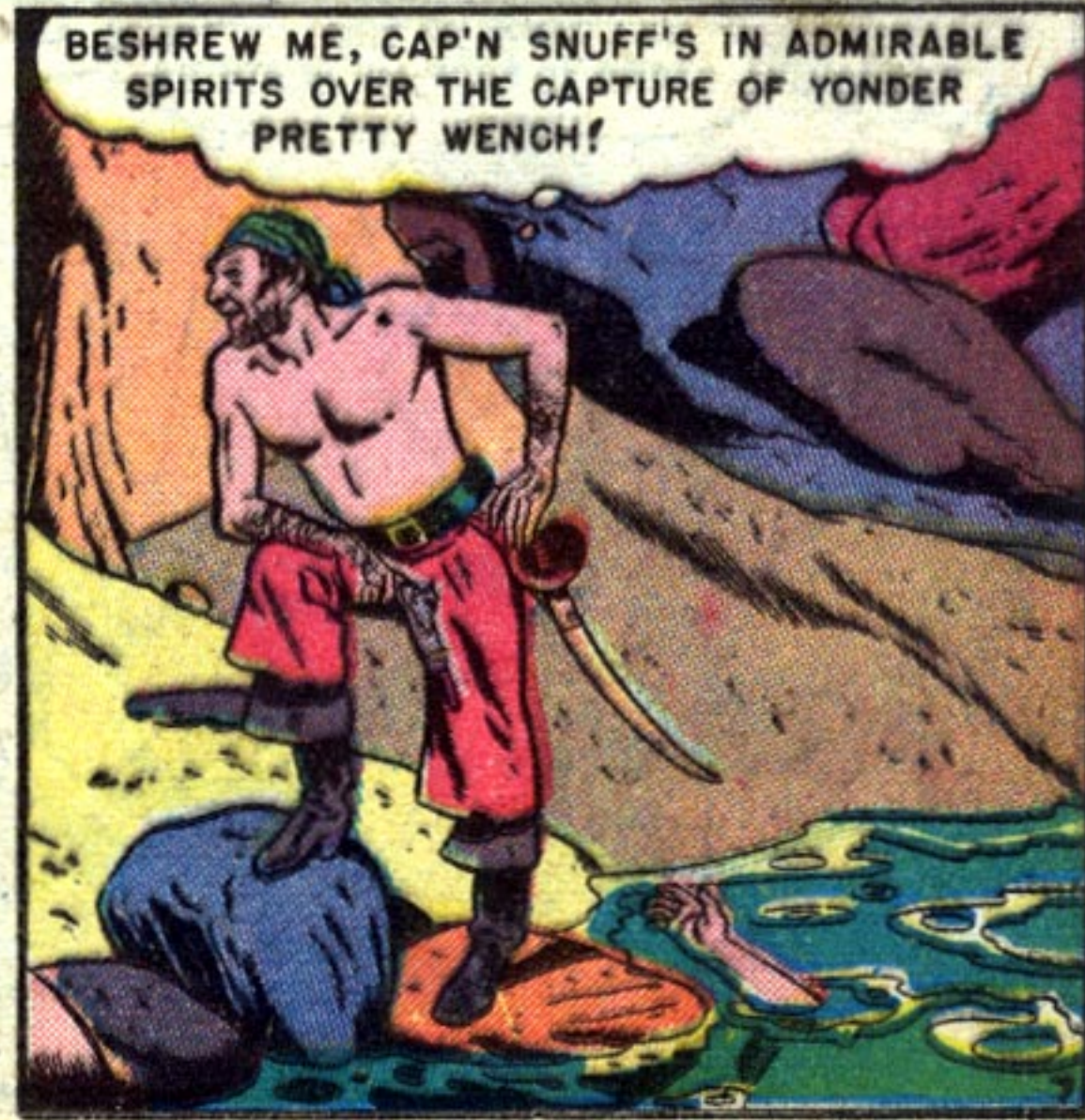
YOU'D BE WISER TO SMILE, LADY DOLORES! I MAY LOSE PATIENCE WITH YOU!

AGAIN YOUR WORDS FAIL TO FRIGHTEN ME! I LOOK FOR CAPTAIN DARING TO PUNISH YOU FOR THESE INSULTS...



CAPTAIN DARING IS MY SWORN CAVALIER! EVEN NOW HE COMES TO RESCUE ME... I KNOW IT!

HA! LET HIM TRY! MY HARBOR IS PROTECTED BY GUNS, ITS SHORE IS WATCHED BY SENTRIES!



BESHREW ME, CAP'N SNUFF'S IN ADMIRABLE SPIRITS OVER THE CAPTURE OF YONDER PRETTY WENCH!



HOW?



DRINK DEEP, MY HEARTY! I WANT NO CRIES FOR HELP TO WARN YOUR FRIENDS!

GLUB!



THERE! HE'S HALF DROWNED, AND WON'T OBJECT IF I TAKE THIS HANDFUL OF SHARP STEEL TO AID ME!



SINK ME FOR A SWAB!

A SWAB'S WHAT YOU ARE... AND SUNK YOU'LL BE!



CAPTAIN DARING! I KNEW HE'D COME!

MAKE A FIGHT OF IT, YOU SEA-SLUGS!



WILL NONE OF YOU STAND TO FACE MY BLADE?

LOOK OUT, CAPTAIN DARING!



YOUR WARNING CAME TOO LATE TO SAVE HIM, SWEET LASS!

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A FOUL BLOW, THAT! ONE MIGHT EXPECT IT FROM A COWARD LIKE CAPTAIN SNUFF!

DON'T COMPLAIN OF MY HOSPITALITY, CAPTAIN DARING! WELCOME TO OUR LITTLE CIRCLE OF TRUE FRIENDS!



AND NO FOOLISH VIOLENCE, OR MY BULLET STRIKES YOU!

YOU HAVE ME, WHAT WILL YOU DO WITH ME?



THE GREAT CAPTAIN DARING MUST WITNESS MY TRIUMPH OF WOOING! PROUD LADY DOLORES IS ABOUT TO ACCEPT MY OFFER AND BECOME MY QUEEN!

EGAD, YOU PILE FANTASY UPON COWARDICE, SIR! YOU WOULD DO BETTER TO PRAY FOR MERCY... YOUR FATE IS ALMOST UPON YOU!



YOU HAVE RAIDED AND PLUNDERED FAR TOO LONG! I PREDICT YOUR CAREER ENDS THIS VERY DAY!

NOW, YOU ARE BEING FANTASTIC! COME, RELAX... HERE, A PINCH OF MY SNUFF WILL CALM YOU...



NAY, I DON'T USE IT! ENJOY IT ALL YOURSELF!



OWWWW! HE HAS BLINDED ME!

SEIZE THE MADMAN!

STAND OFF, OR I DESTROY YOUR CAPTAIN BEFORE YOUR EYES!



COMMAND THEM TO DROP THEIR WEAPONS, CAPTAIN SNUFF, OR...

DO AS HE SAYS, YOU FOOLS!



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WISELY DONE, MATES! OTHERWISE THE FIRST SHOT WOULD DESTROY CAPTAIN SNUFF...

AND THE SECOND SHOT WILL MOW DOWN ONE OF YOU!



MERCY, CAPTAIN DARING! YOU'D NEVER SLAUGHTER POOR HELPLESS CAPTIVES...

CLOSE IN SWIFTLY! STRIKE HOME, EVERY MAN OF YOU!



OH, IT'S PATCH... TOO LATE TO JOIN THE FUN, OLD FRIEND!

BLAST MY EYES, SO I SEE! AND I'M GETTING A-WEARY OF BEING LEFT OUT, CAP'N!



PATCH, HAVE THE PLUNDER TAKEN ABOARD FOR THE VOYAGE HOME... WHAT'S AMISS, DOLORES?

CAPTAIN DARING... I FEEL WEAK... MY SENSES FAIL...



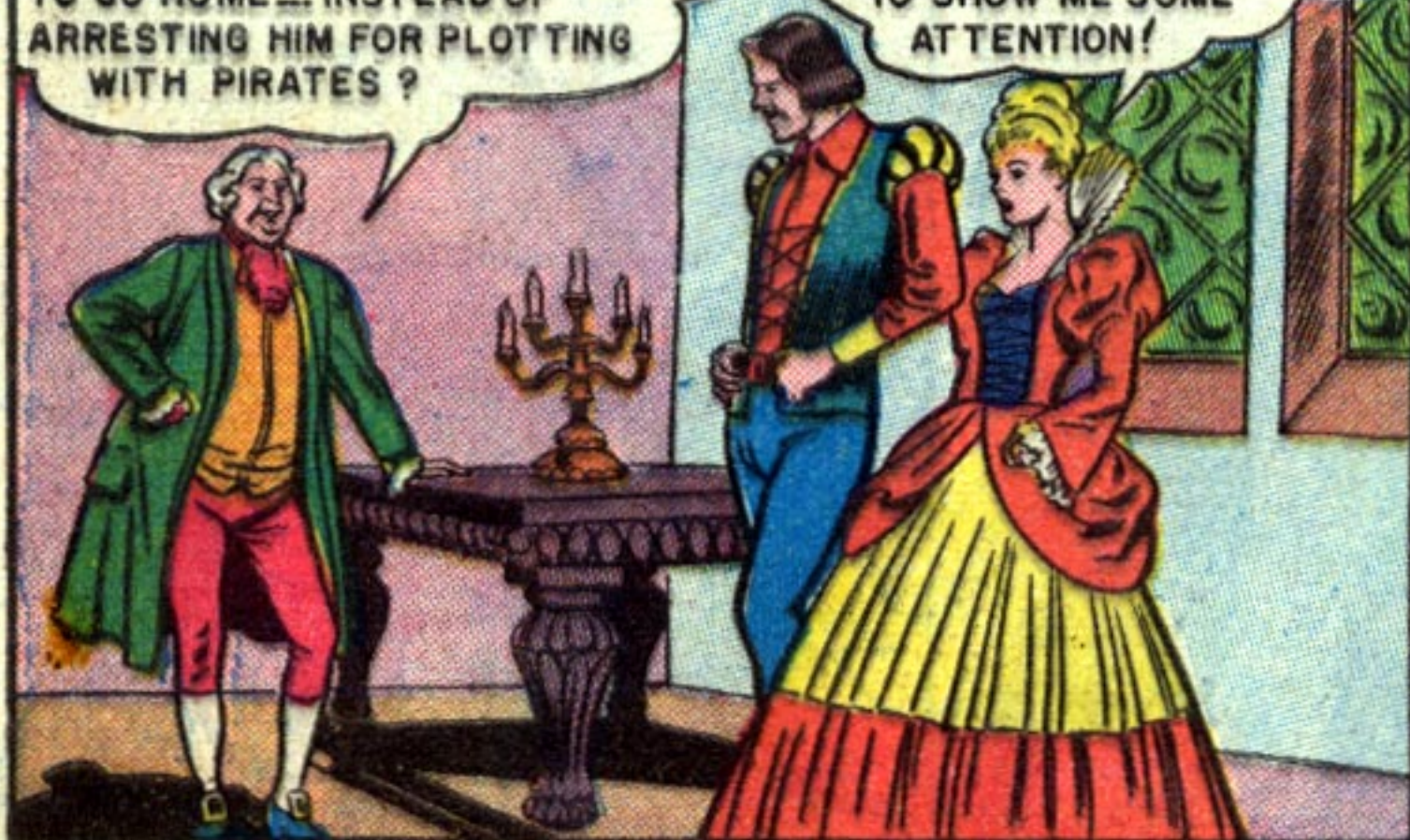
I'LL CARRY HER TO THE SHIP MYSELF, PATCH! BRAVE LASS, SHE NEEDS TENDERNESS AND CARE!



BACK AT ILLYRIA, A CONFERENCE WITH SIR MARK DRAYTON...

BRILLIANTLY DONE, MY BOY, EVERY STROKE! BUT WHY DID YOU PUT VIRELLS ABOARD THE *SWALLOW* TO GO HOME... INSTEAD OF ARRESTING HIM FOR PLOTTING WITH PIRATES?

I DEMANDED THAT, UNCLE MARK! LORD VIRELLS' PLOT BROUGHT CAPTAIN DARING TO SHOW ME SOME ATTENTION!



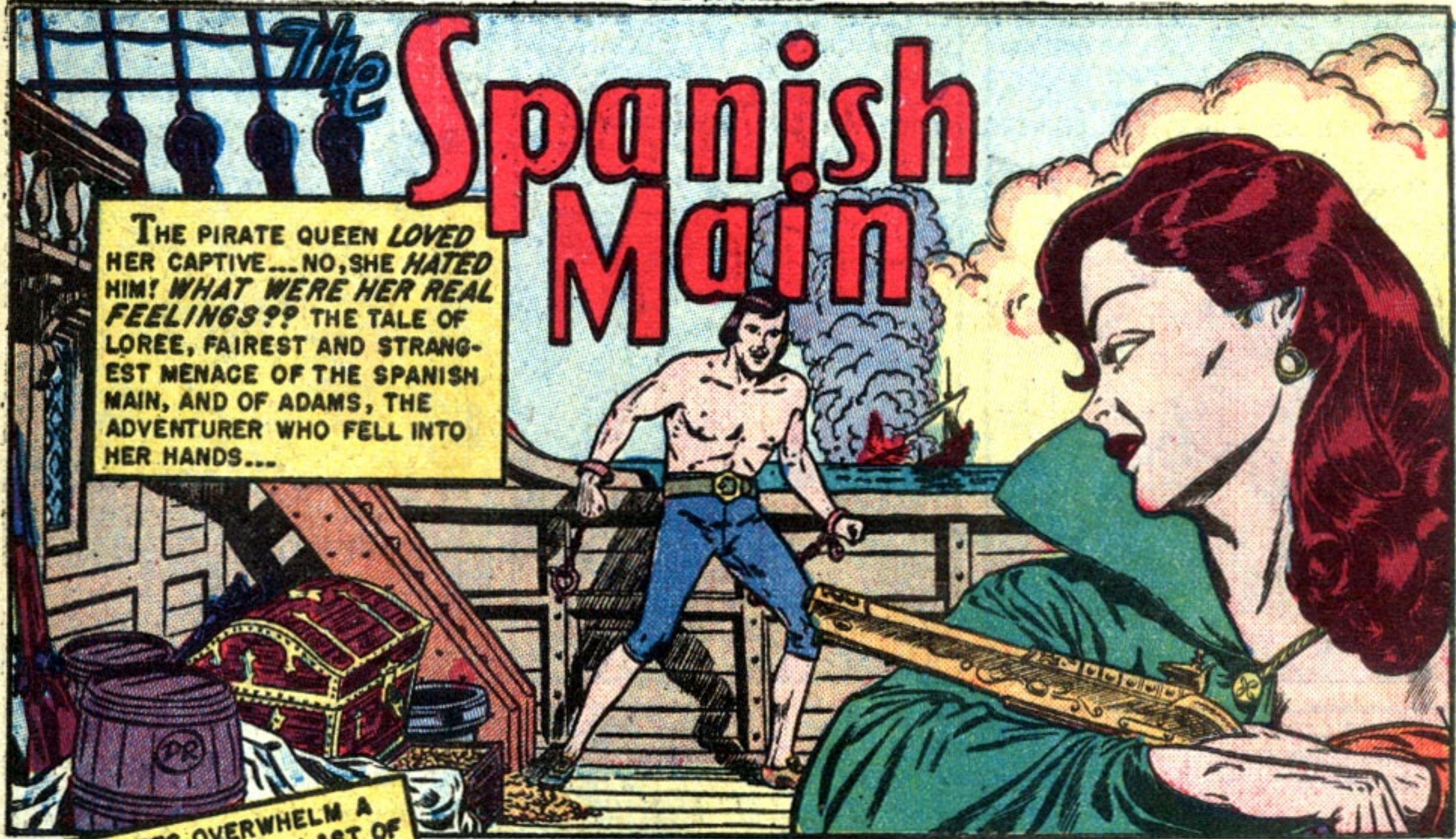
YOUR PARDON, MY SWEET LADY, IF I WAS NEGLECTFUL! MAY THE DAY HASTEN WHEN MY FIGHTING IS DONE, AND ALL MY ATTENTION MAY BE GIVEN TO YOU!

I'LL SAY IT AGAIN... I DON'T UNDERSTAND WOMEN, NOT EVEN MY OWN NIECE!



The Spanish Main

THE PIRATE QUEEN LOVED HER CAPTIVE... NO, SHE HATED HIM! WHAT WERE HER REAL FEELINGS?? THE TALE OF LOREE, FAIREST AND STRANGEST MENACE OF THE SPANISH MAIN, AND OF ADAMS, THE ADVENTURER WHO FELL INTO HER HANDS...



PIRATES OVERWHELM A TREASURE SHIP...LAST OF THE DEFENDERS IS THE CAPTAIN HIMSELF...

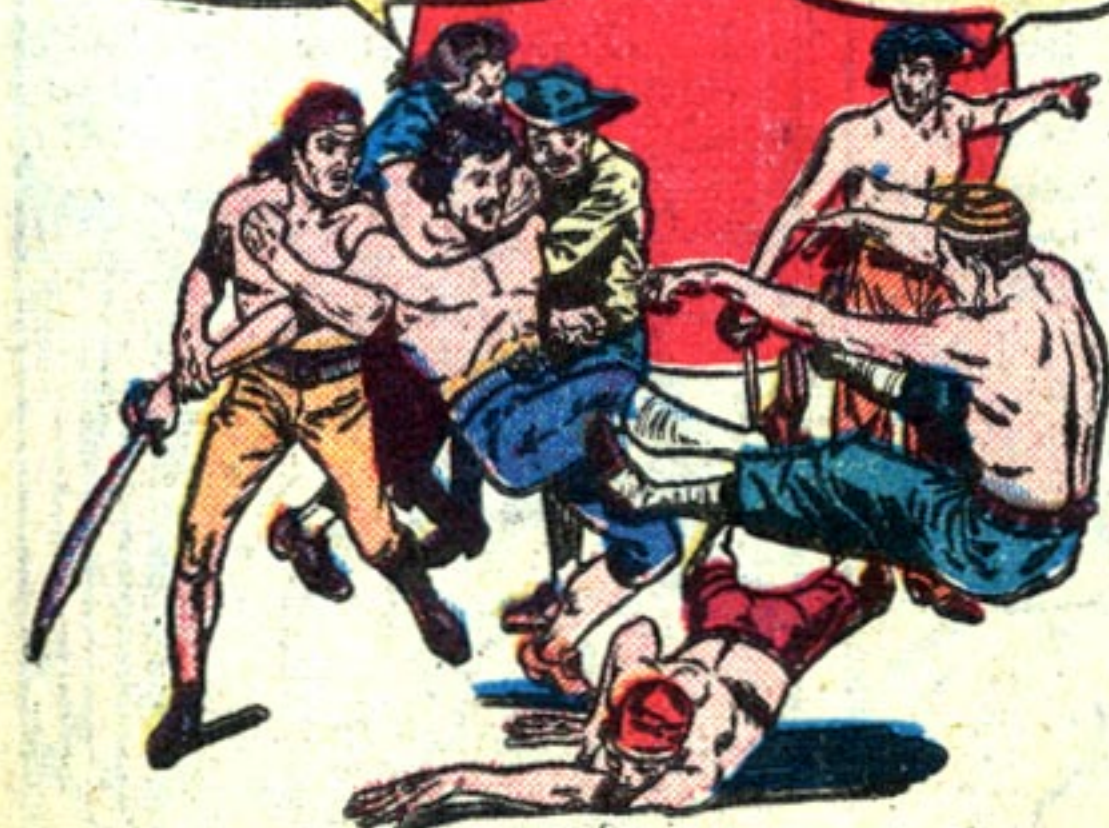
COME ONE, COME ALL! I DEFY YOU FOR A PACK OF THIEVING DOGS!

DON'T CUT HIM DOWN, MEN! CAPTURE HIM... BRING HIM TO ME!



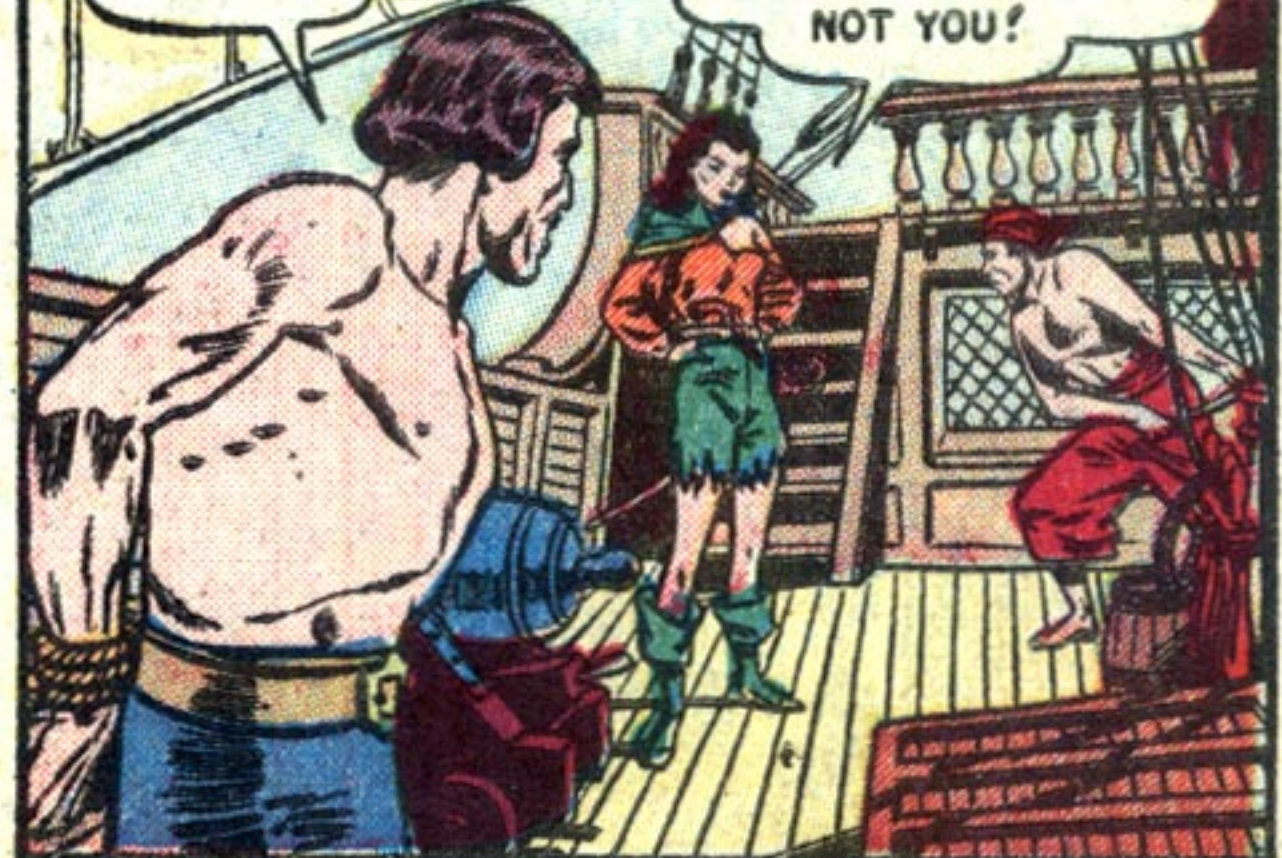
YOU HEARD OUR LEADER'S COMMAND! COME, ABOARD OUR CRAFT WITH YOU!

LET'S SEE WHAT YOUR FATE WILL BE, THEN! LOREE WILL JUDGE YOU!

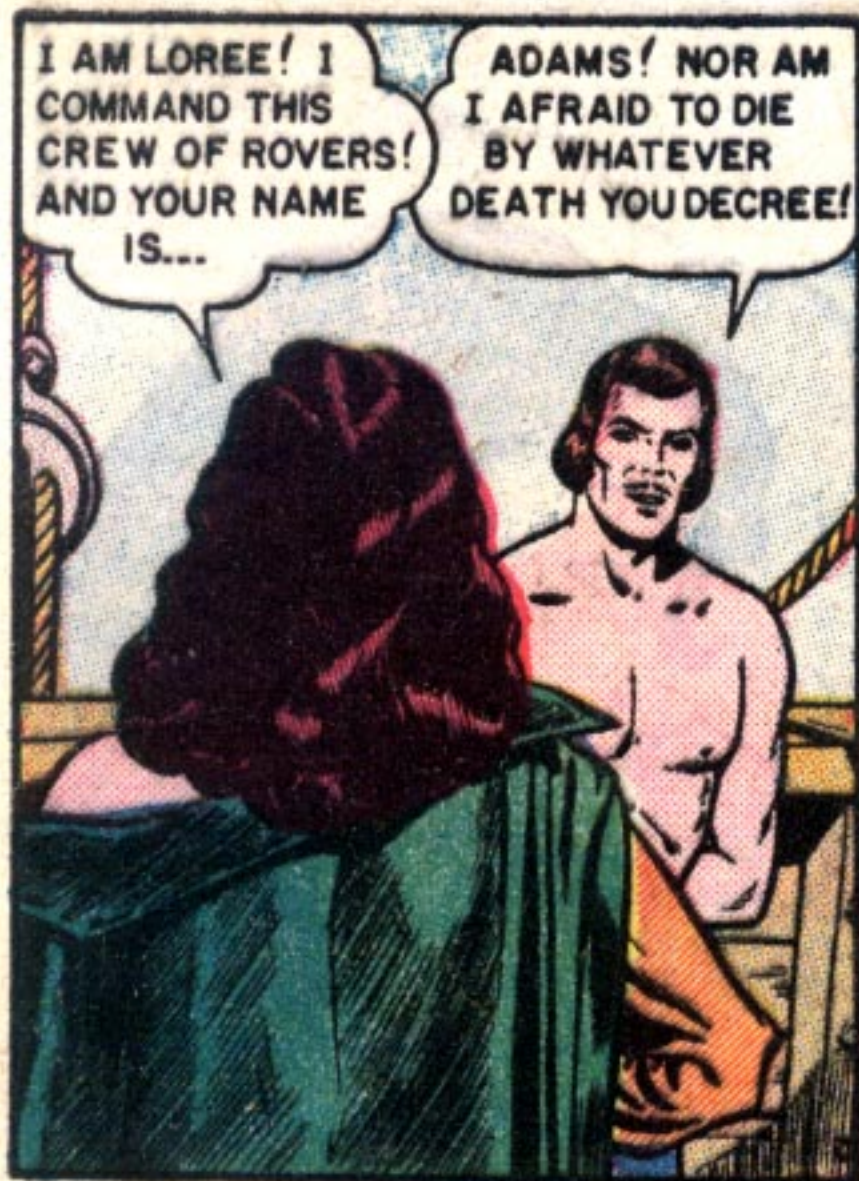


SHIVER MY MASTS... THE PIRATE CHIEF IS A CHIEFTAINNESS! HOW...

BRING THE TREASURE ABOARD, AND SINK THE SHIP! NOW, PRISONER, I ASK THE QUESTIONS, NOT YOU!



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I AM LOREE! I COMMAND THIS CREW OF ROVERS! AND YOUR NAME IS...

ADAMS! NOR AM I AFRAID TO DIE BY WHATEVER DEATH YOU DECREE!



I'VE WATCHED YOU, I RECOGNIZE YOUR COURAGE! THEREFORE I HAD YOU TAKEN ALIVE, TO GIVE YOU A CHANCE TO JOIN MY COMPANY!

WE'VE WASTED TIME, THEN! I JOIN WITH NO RENEGADE SEA-ROBBERS!



BOLDLY BUT FOOLISHLY SAID! BIND HIM AND LET HIM WALK THE PLANK!

AS WELL ONE DEATH AS ANOTHER!



HA, YOUR LAST MOMENT IS COME! ANY DYING SPEECH FROM YOU?

ONLY THIS... CURSE THE LOT OF YOU FOR COWARDS AND RASCALS!



THAT'S ENOUGH! WALK, YOU ROGUE...

NO! BRING HIM BACK! TAKE HIM TO MY CABIN! I WILL SPEAK TO HIM ALONE!

WHEN PIRATE LEADER AND HELPLESS PRISONER FACE EACH OTHER IN THE CABIN...



I ORDERED YOU TO WALK THE PLANK TO TEST YOUR COURAGE... IT IS FLAWLESS! I'M ALL THE MORE DETERMINED TO HAVE YOU IN MY BAND!

YOU STILL WASTE TIME AND BREATH! I REFUSE!



COME, CAPTAIN ADAMS, AREN'T YOU MORE REASONABLE WHEN A LADY ASKS YOUR HELP?

ON THAT SUBJECT... I'VE BEEN WONDERING HOW YOU CAME TO HEAD A MOB OF SEA-MONSTERS!



IT WAS NECESSITY! I WAS REARED FROM CHILDHOOD AMONG PIRATES... IT WAS LEADERSHIP OR DESTRUCTION FOR A WOMAN LIKE ME!

PERHAPS THAT EXCUSES YOU SOMEWHAT! BUT HAVE YOU NO WISH TO LIVE PEACEFULLY, HAPPILY, IN LAWFUL COMFORT?

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TOO LATE FOR THAT... I'VE SCUTTLED TOO MANY SHIPS TO BE CLEAR OF THE LAW! ONCE MORE, CAPTAIN, JOIN ME! I NEED A TRUSTED FRIEND WHO CAN NAVIGATE AND FIGHT!

I HAVE ALREADY SAID NO, LOREE! AND I MEAN IT!

THEN STAY, NOT AS A COMPANION, BUT A DRUDGE! HERE, MATES, LET THIS MOCKING CAPTAIN SERVE YOU AS CABIN BOY!

AYE, AYE! COME TO THE GALLEY, YOU SWAB... THE COOK HAS POTS AND PANS FOR YOU TO WASH!

AND SO ADAMS BECOMES CABIN BOY... BUT ON HIS OWN TERMS!

WORK FASTER, YE LAZY LUBBER, OR I'LL...

NO VIOLENCE, COOKY! I'M WORKING FAST ENOUGH AS IT IS! IF WE'RE TO GET ALONG TOGETHER, BETTER NOT BULLY ME!

A SHIP'S DRAWING ALONGSIDE, CAPTAIN LOREE!

AYE, AND I'M TO ENTERTAIN DANDY DAWLINS, WHO'S TRANSFERRING TO OUR OWN CREW! SINCE YOU REFUSE TO BE MY NAVIGATOR, I MUST NEEDS FIND ANOTHER!

HERE I AM, FAIR ONE! DANDY DAWLINS AT YOUR SERVICE!

YOU MAY GO, ADAMS!

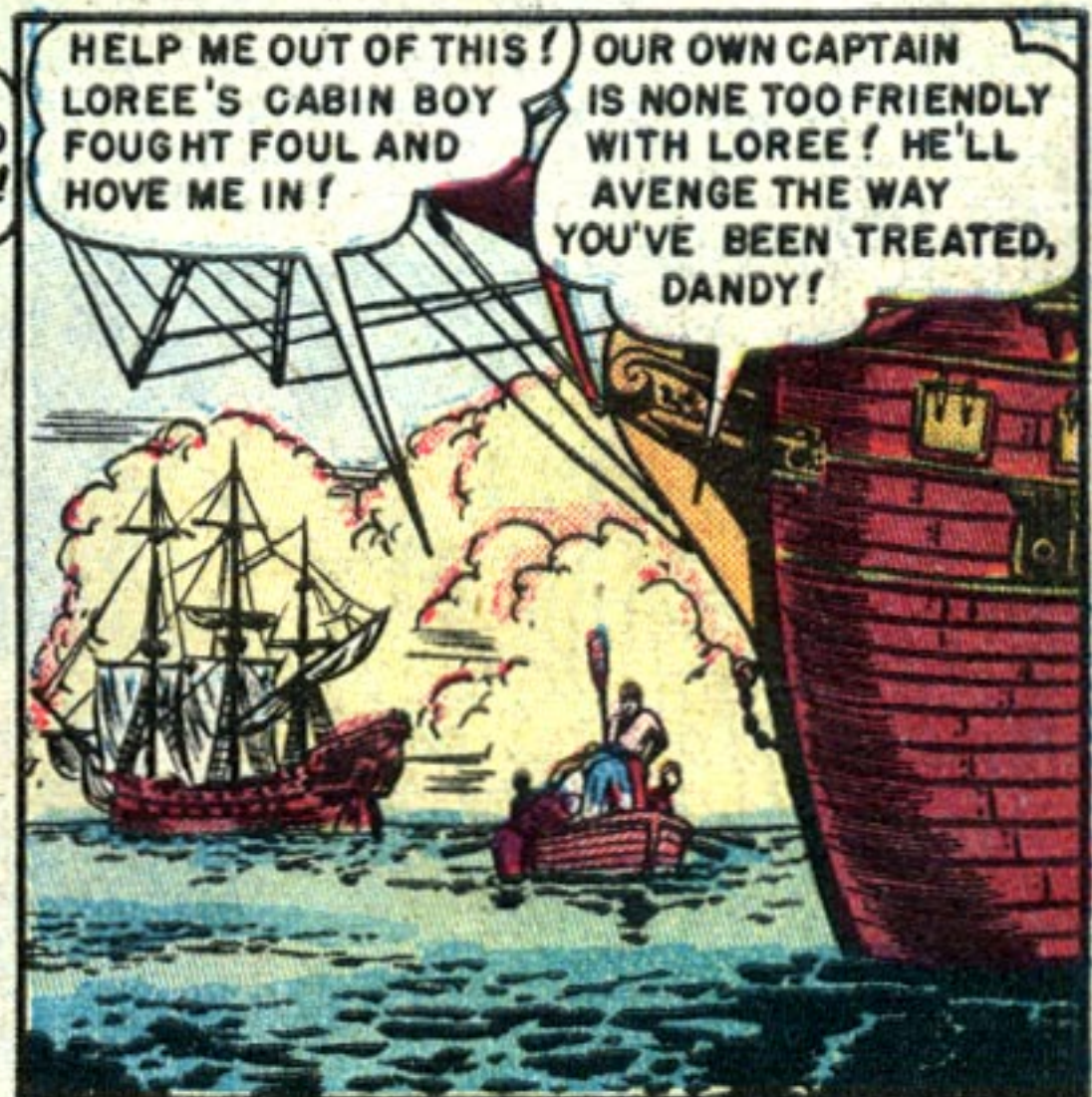
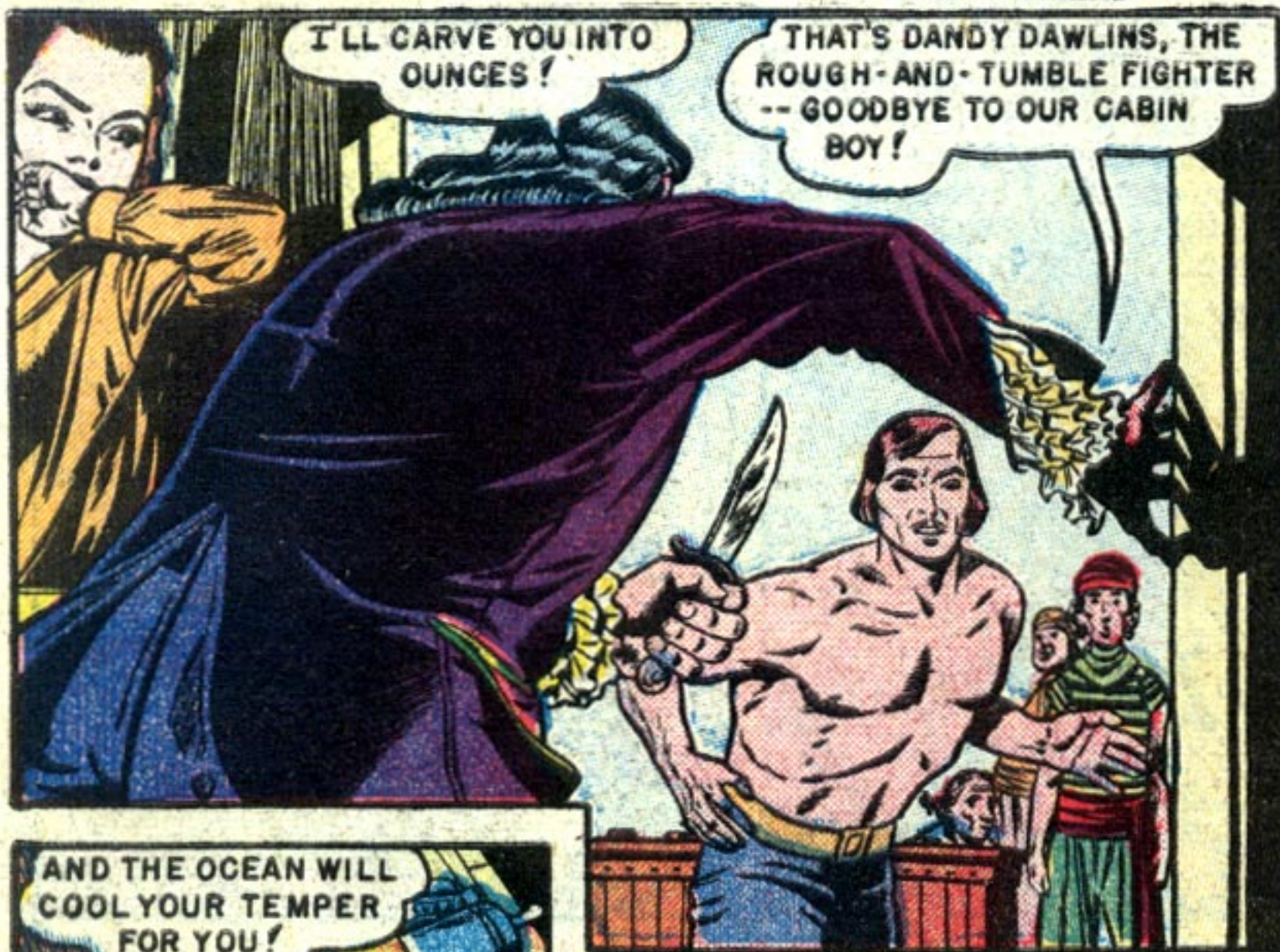
AS ADAMS LEAVES THE TWO ALONE...

NONE OF THAT, DAWLINS!

NAY, DON'T DENY ME! I CAN'T TENDURE THE THOUGHT OF SO MUCH LOVELINESS BEING WASTED...

DO AS SHE SAYS... LET GO OF HER!

I'LL LET GO, BUT ONLY TO SETTLE YOU, MY MEDDLING MENIAL!



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AT POINT BLANK RANGE, THE GUNS COMMANDED BY ADAMS FIRE INTO THE APPROACHING ENEMY...



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HAVE YOU NO WISHTO HELP ME? AM I NOTHING TO YOU?

MORE SAILS COMING... A FLEET OF THEM! FLYING THE FLAG OF THE KING!



PART OF THE NAVY SENT TO SWEEP PIRACY FROM THE SEAS, LOREE! THE FIGHT WITH DAWLINS MUST HAVE DRAWN THEM!

I CAN OFFER NO RESISTANCE TO SUCH STRENGTH! RECEIVE THEIR BOARDING PARTIES, ADAMS... SAY THAT I SURRENDER!



YOU WERE RIGHT! PIRACY BRINGS TRAGEDY... NOT ONLY TO ITS VICTIMS BUT TO PIRATES THEMSELVES! NOW THAT IS TOO LATE, I KNOW!

PULL DOWN THE FLAG IN TOKEN OF SUBMISSION!

AND SO LOREE, THE WOMAN WHO LED PIRATES, COMES TO TRIAL...

PRISONER, ALL EVIDENCE IS THAT YOU HAVE BEEN A ROVER AND RAIDER! PERHAPS MORE MERCIFUL THAN MOST, BUT PLAINLY GUILTY!



PERMIT ME A WORD, MY LORD JUSTICE! LOREE REPENTED OF HER WAYS, AND FREELY SURRENDERED TO TAKE PUNISHMENT!

TEMPER JUSTICE WITH MERCY! MY DUTY IS GIVE HER A CHANCE TO SHOW HERSELF A GOOD AND WORTHY MEMBER OF SOCIETY, THEREBY UNDOING THE HARM SHE DID EARLIER!

PLAIN, CAPTAIN ADAMS! I MUST SENTENCE THIS PRISONER TO IMPRISONMENT FOR LIFE...



BUT I MAY ALSO PAROLE HER IN YOUR CUSTODY AS LONG AS SHE LIVES!

AND MAY BOTH OUR LIVES BE LONG ONES, LOREE!



WHICH EXPLAINS WHY THE RECORDS CONTAIN NO MORE MENTION OF LOREE, THE LOVELY PIRATE QUEEN...

YOU WILL BE PLAIN MRS. ADAMS, HENCEFORTH!

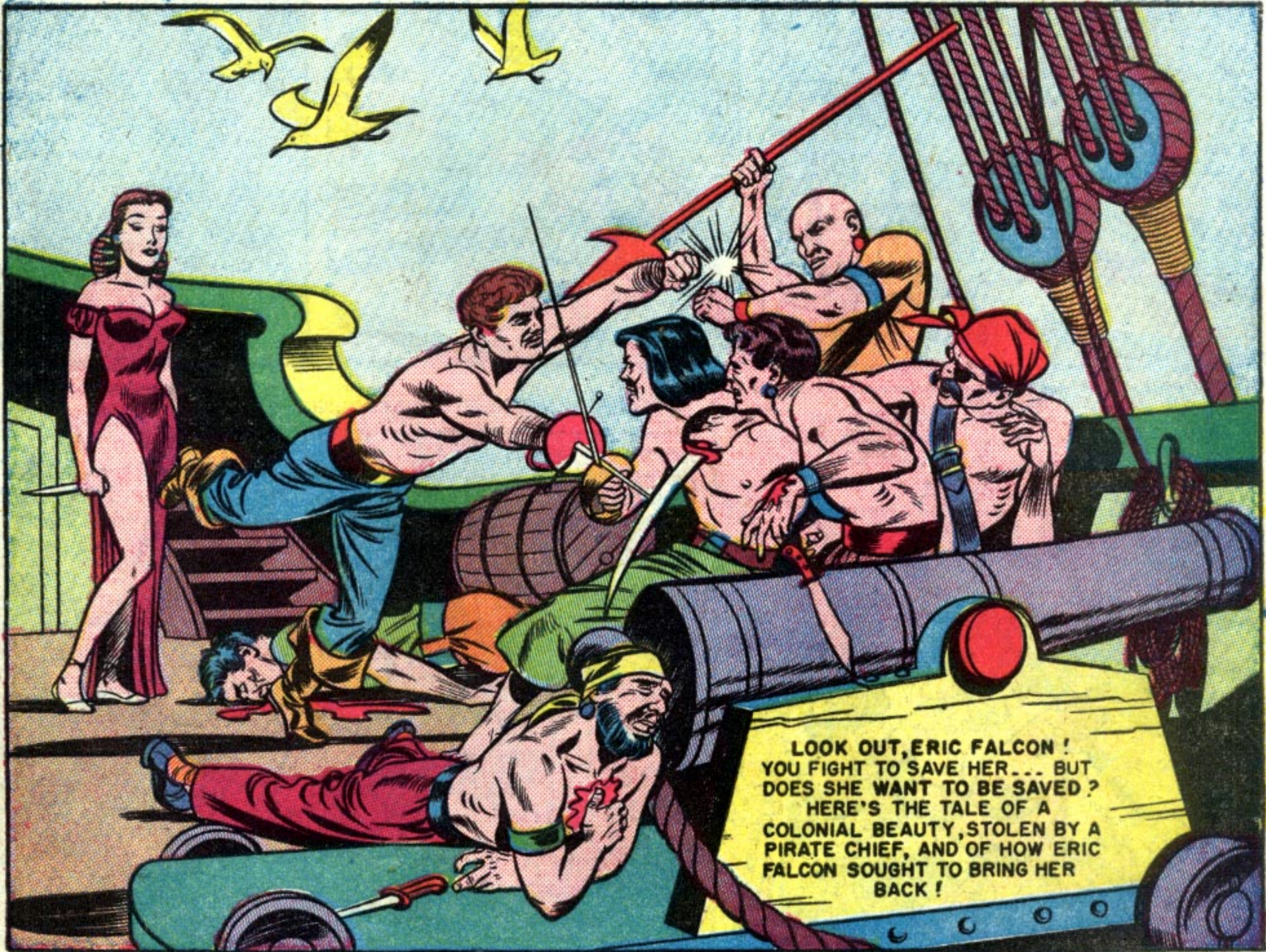
FOREVER AND FOREVER!



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ERIC FALCON

SOLDIER OF FORTUNE



LOOK OUT, ERIC FALCON !
YOU FIGHT TO SAVE HER... BUT
DOES SHE WANT TO BE SAVED ?
HERE'S THE TALE OF A
COLONIAL BEAUTY, STOLEN BY A
PIRATE CHIEF, AND OF HOW ERIC
FALCON SOUGHT TO BRING HER
BACK !

ERIC FALCON AND FORTUNA DELL, HIS ADVENTUROUS COMPANION, LAND AT THE PORT COMMANDED BY THEIR FRIEND, CAPTAIN-GENERAL MATTHEW TURLEY..



ERIC, I THANK HEAVEN YOU ARE HERE IN MY HOUR OF NEED !

I THANK HEAVEN FOR THE SAME THING, MATT ! HOW CAN I SERVE YOU ?

MY SWEETHEART, ELGA ! SHE CAME FROM HOME TO WED ME ! LAST NIGHT THE FOUL PIRATE MORAY SNEAKED ASHORE AND STOLE HER ! I HAVE NO SHIP SWIFT ENOUGH TO FOLLOW !

A FOUL DEED ! ERIC, WE MUST PURSUE MORAY AND BRING ELGA BACK TO OUR FRIEND !



SWIFTLY, ERIC SAILS IN THE TRACK OF THE RAIDER...



THERE'S MORAY'S SHIP ! OPEN FIRE !

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A STORMY GALE CARRIES ERIC'S SWIFT VESSEL CLOSE TO THE ENEMY ---



FAIR WIND OR FOUL, LET'S GET ABOARD AND RESCUE ELGA!

AYE, CAP'N ERIC! SUCH ACTION GIVES US AN APPETITE!



FOLLOW ME!!

BUT AT THAT MOMENT, THE STORM STRIKES! HUGE WAVES DASH THE ENEMY SHIPS APART!



TEN THOUSAND DEVILS! WE CAN'T BOARD THEM!

BUT ERIC GOT ABOARD! HE'S ALL ALONE AGAINST A WHOLE PIRATE CREW!



WE'RE LOSING SIGHT OF THEM IN THIS TEMPEST!

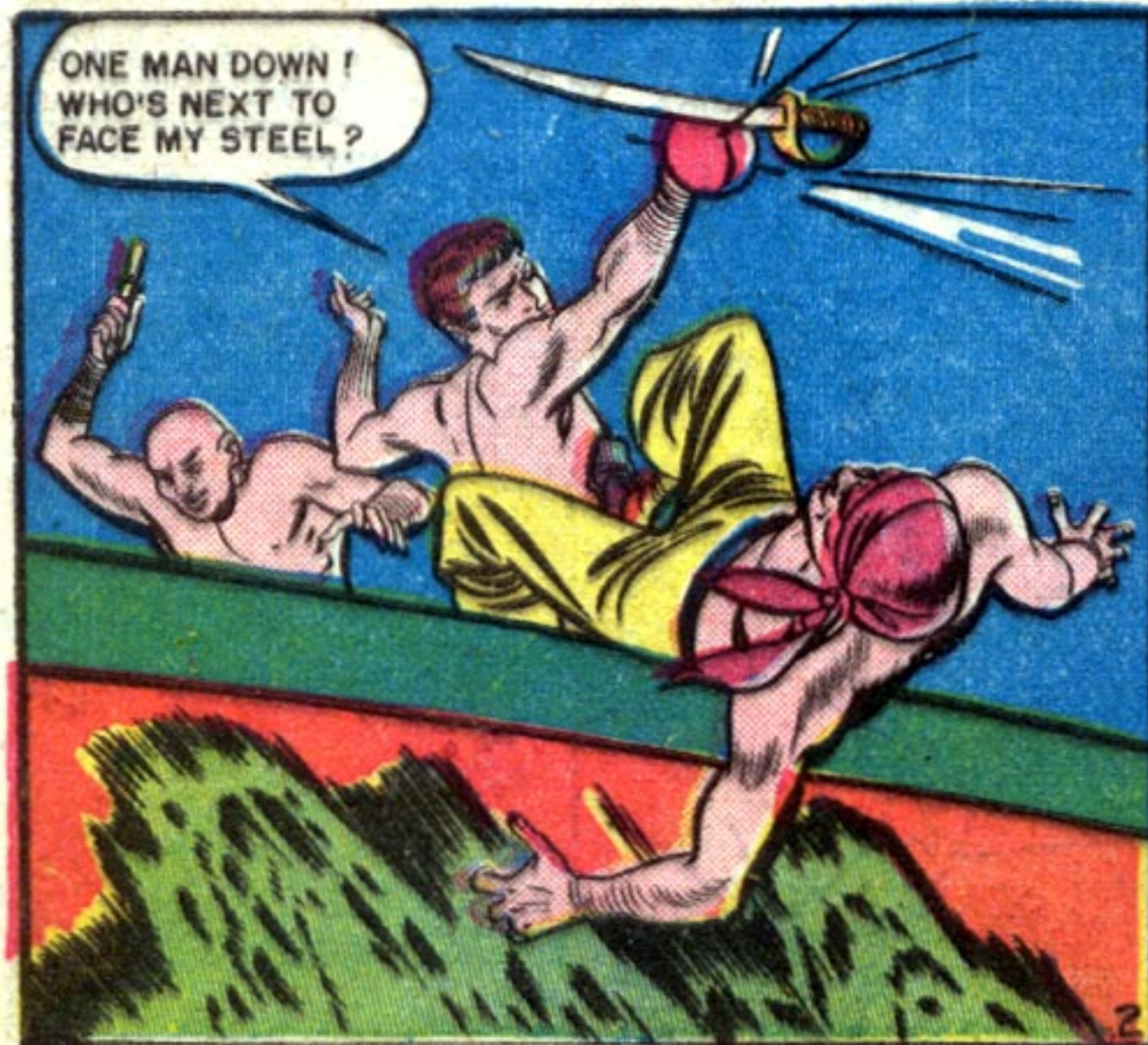
FOLLOW! SAIL AFTER THEM! NOW WE MUST RESCUE ERIC AS WELL AS ELGA!

MEANWHILE, ABOARD MORAY'S SHIP...

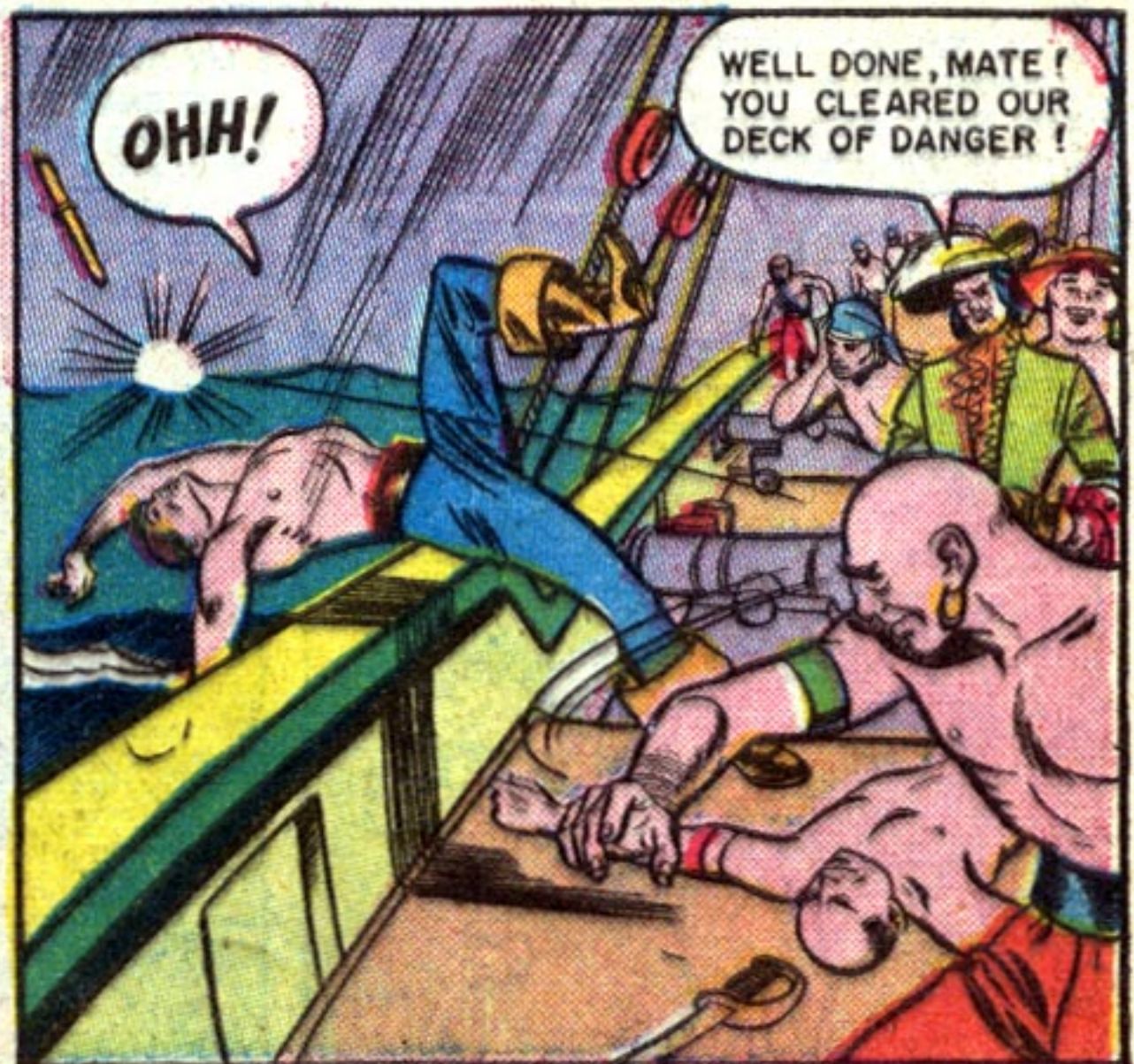


CUT THAT RECKLESS DOG TO PIECES, MEN!

DO IT IF YOU CAN!

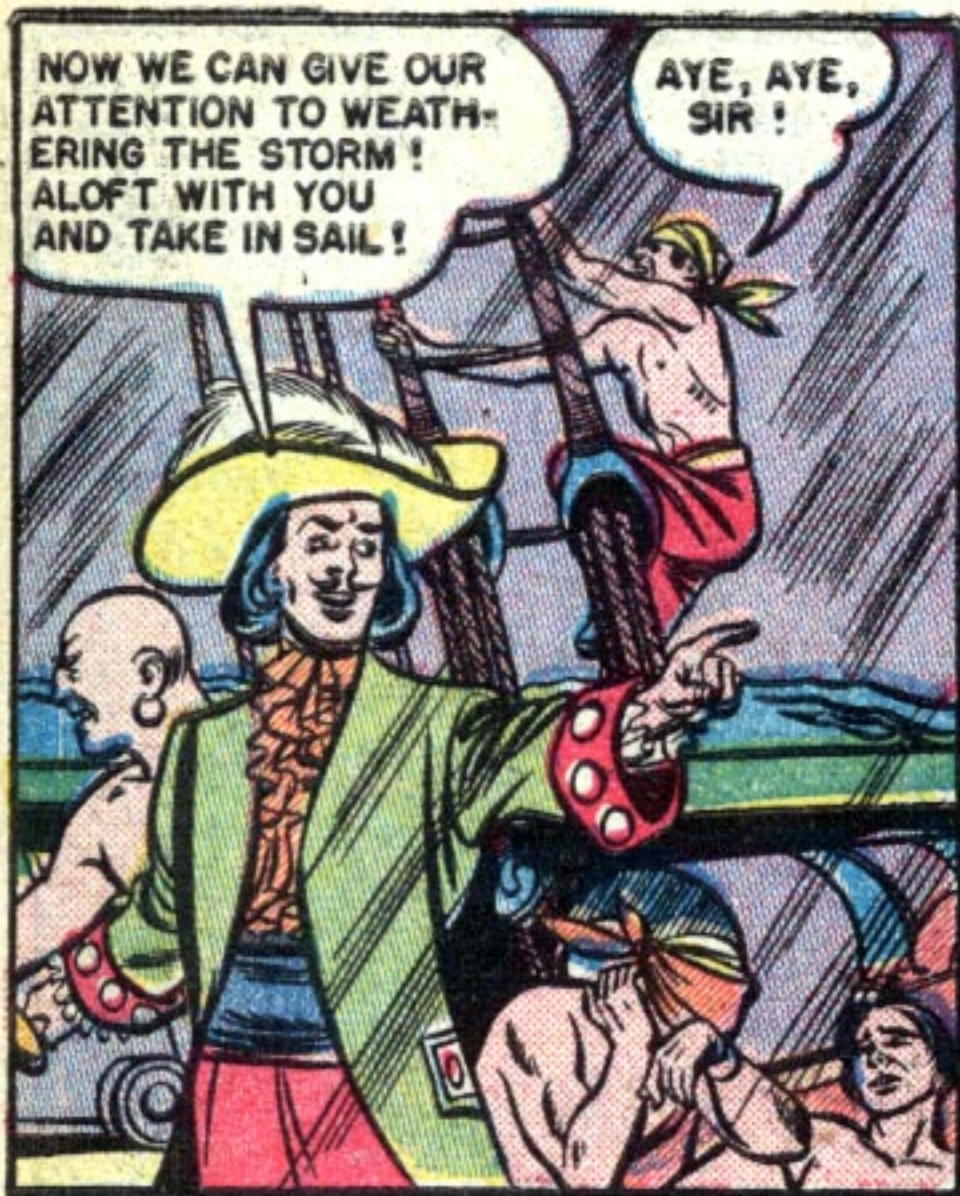


ONE MAN DOWN! WHO'S NEXT TO FACE MY STEEL?



OHH!

WELL DONE, MATE! YOU CLEARED OUR DECK OF DANGER!



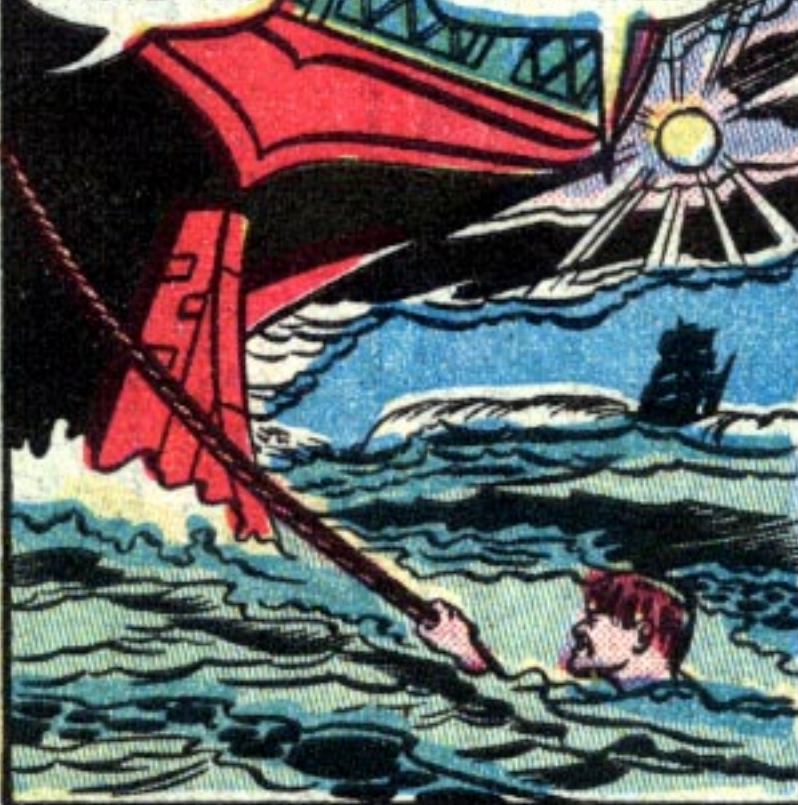
NOW WE CAN GIVE OUR ATTENTION TO WEATHERING THE STORM! ALOFT WITH YOU AND TAKE IN SAIL!

AYE, AYE, SIR!

AT LAST, THE CLOUDS PART...

SING HO, LADS, THE STORM IS O'ER! AND THAT ENEMY CRAFT IS FAR ASTERN!

LUCK SENT ME A GRIP ON THIS LINE! NOW I'LL SCRAMBLE UP AND THROUGH THE PORTHOLE!



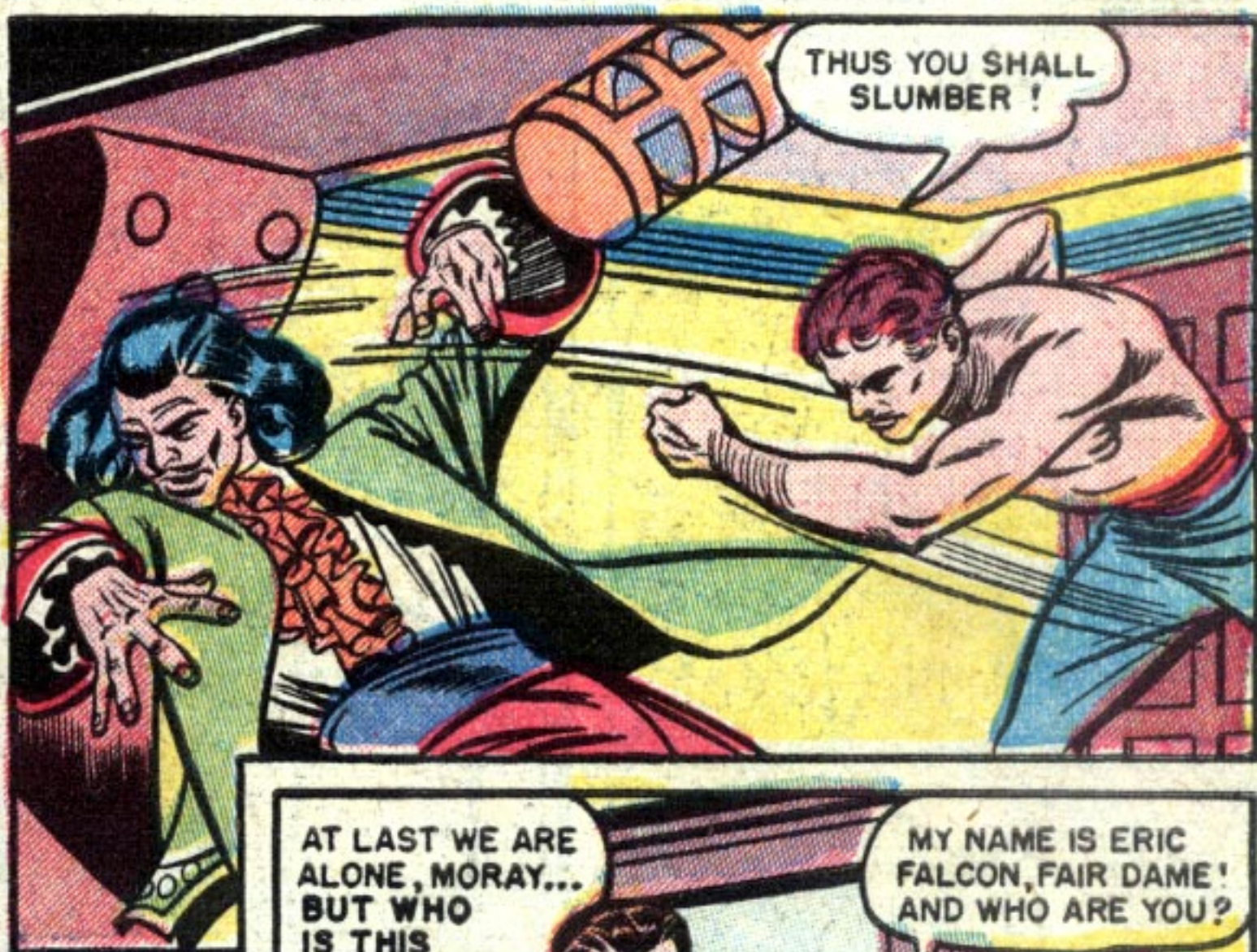
IT SEEMS TO BE THE CAPTAIN'S QUARTERS!

WE'RE OUT OF ALL DANGER! I WILL GO INTO MY CABIN, AND LET NO MAN DISTURB ME FOR AN HOUR!

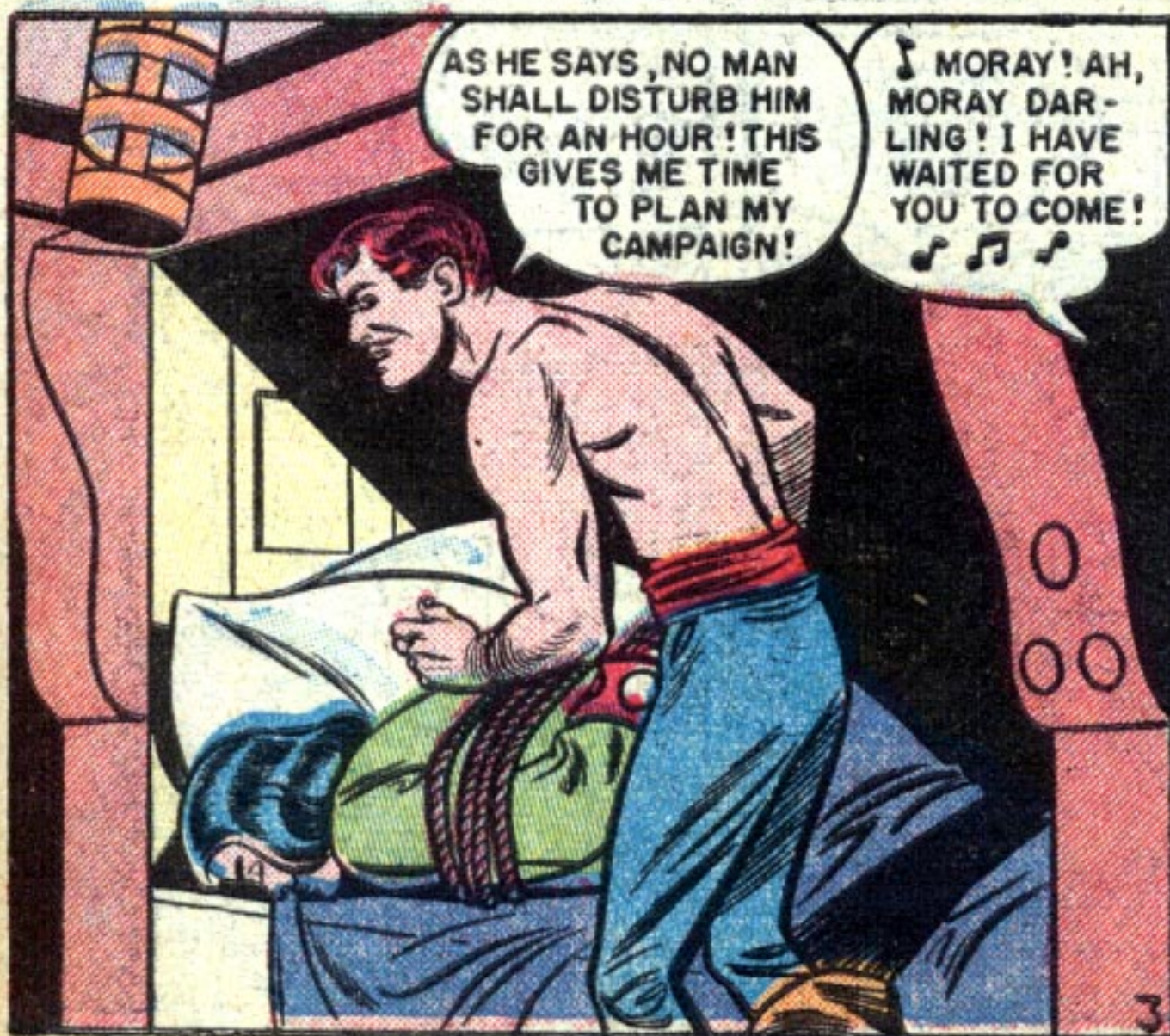


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YOU WANT QUIET, MORAY? YOU SHALL HAVE IT!



THUS YOU SHALL SLUMBER!



AS HE SAYS, NO MAN SHALL DISTURB HIM FOR AN HOUR! THIS GIVES ME TIME TO PLAN MY CAMPAIGN!

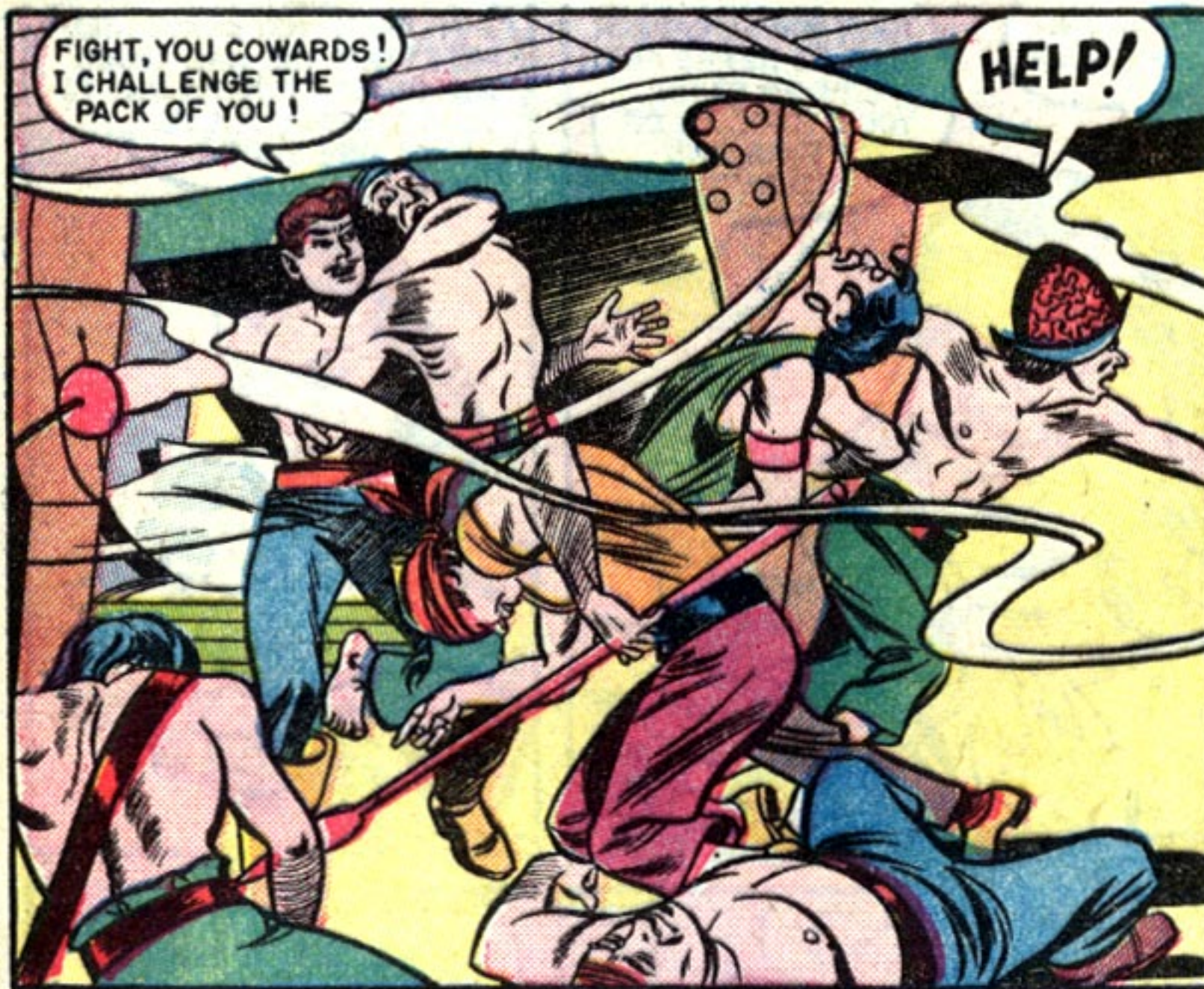
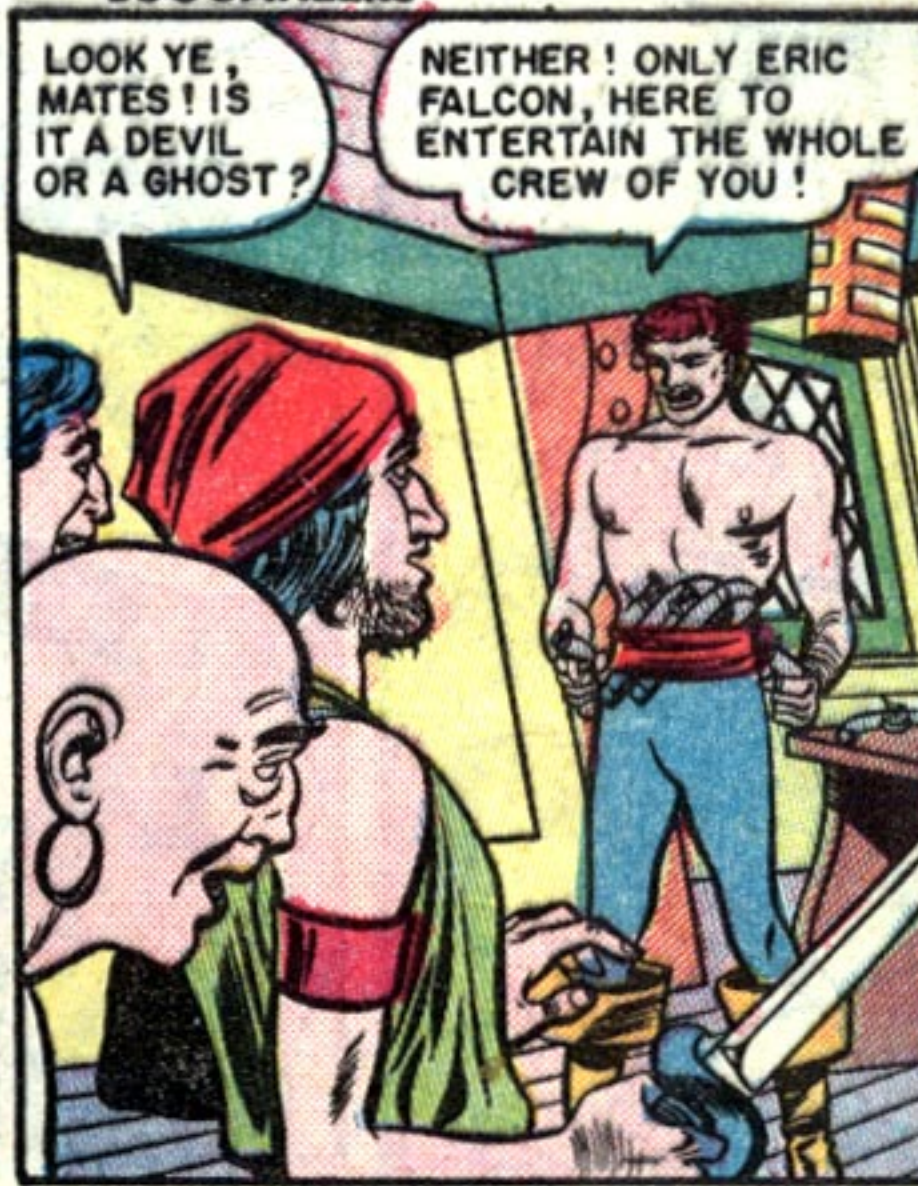
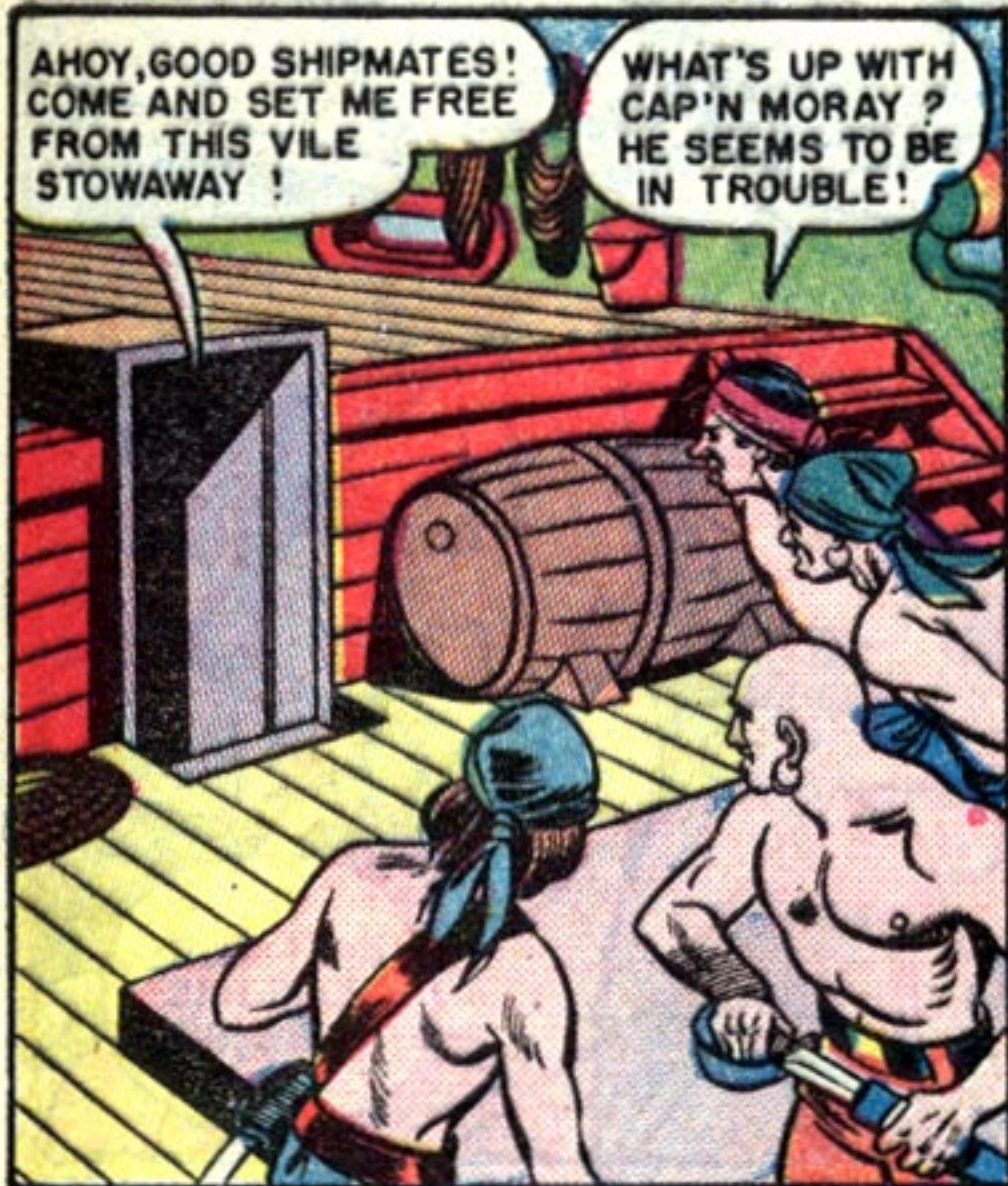
MORAY! AH, MORAY DARLING! I HAVE WAITED FOR YOU TO COME!

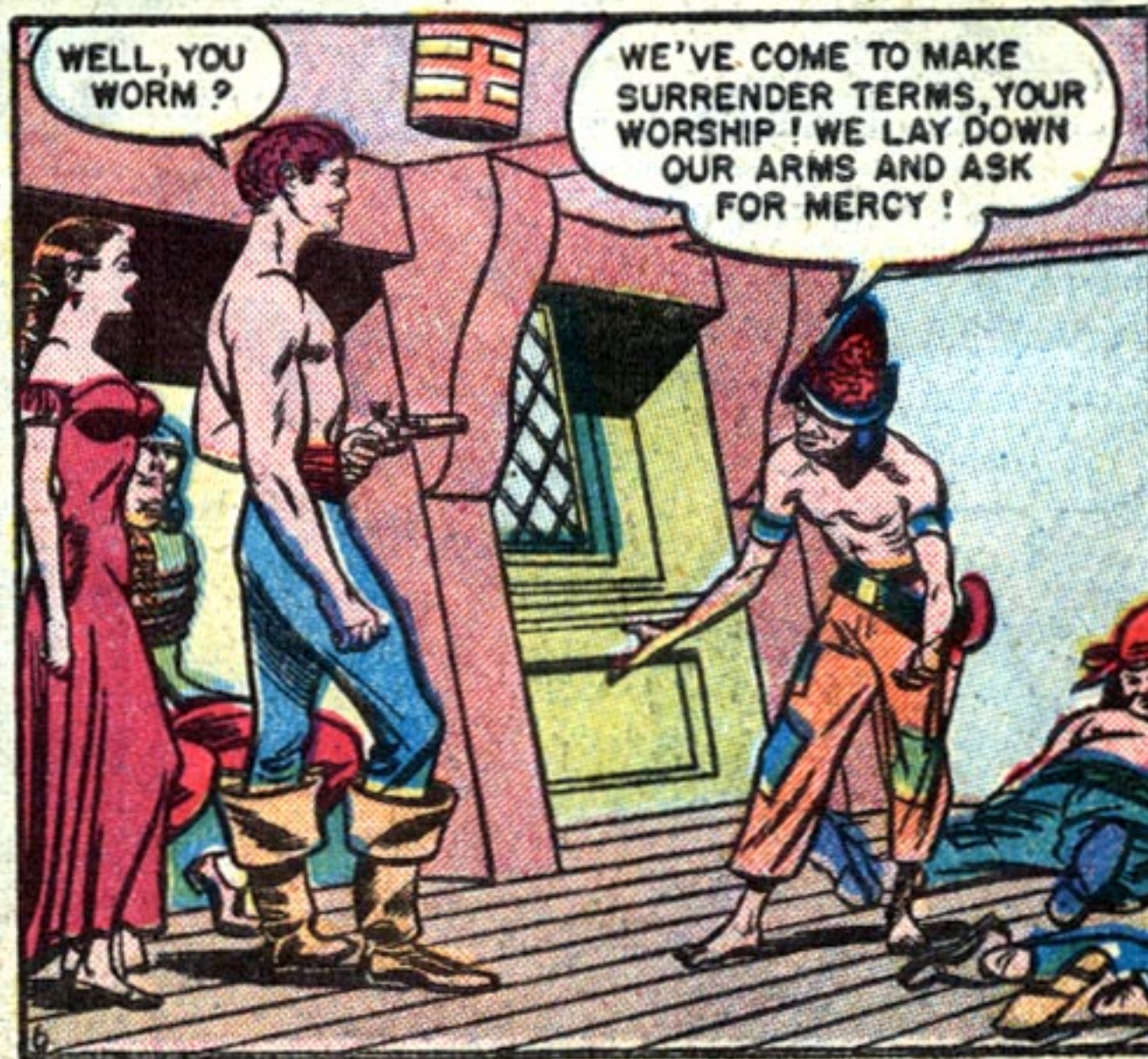
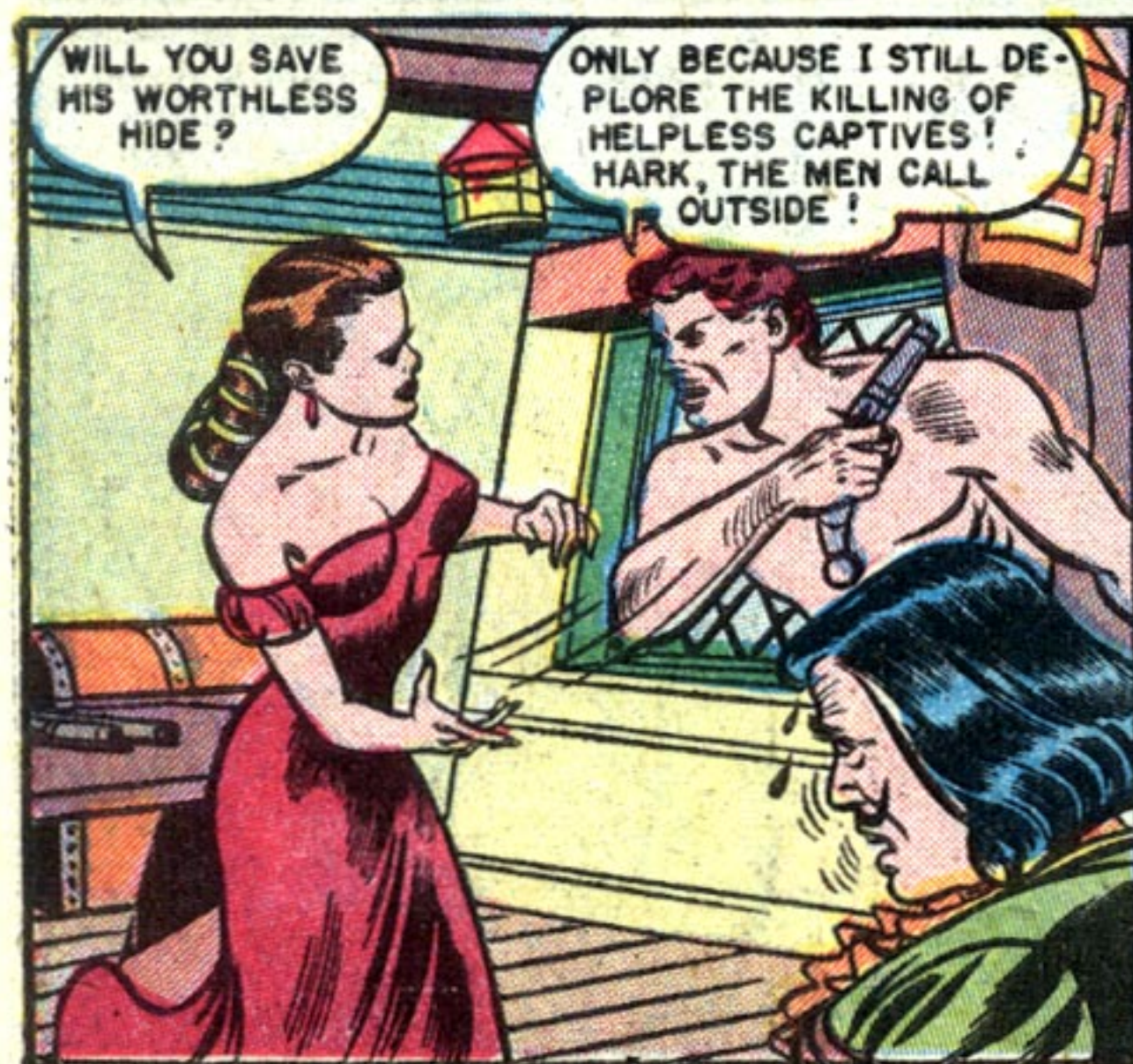


AT LAST WE ARE ALONE, MORAY... BUT WHO IS THIS STRANGER?

MY NAME IS ERIC FALCON, FAIR DAME! AND WHO ARE YOU?









ALL WE ASK IS YOUR WORD THAT WE SUR-RENDERED LIKE LAMBS! MAYBE THEY WON'T HANG US IN CHAINS!

THIS IS SOME MIRACLE! WHAT SOFTENED THEIR HEARTS?



THAT'S WHAT, MADAME! THE ENEMY SHIP CAUGHT UP AGAIN!

AYE, AND WITH THEIR CAPTAIN HELPLESS, THEY CAN'T SAIL OR FIGHT AGAINST MY MEN! ALL RIGHT, YOU RASCAL, RUN UP THE WHITE FLAG!



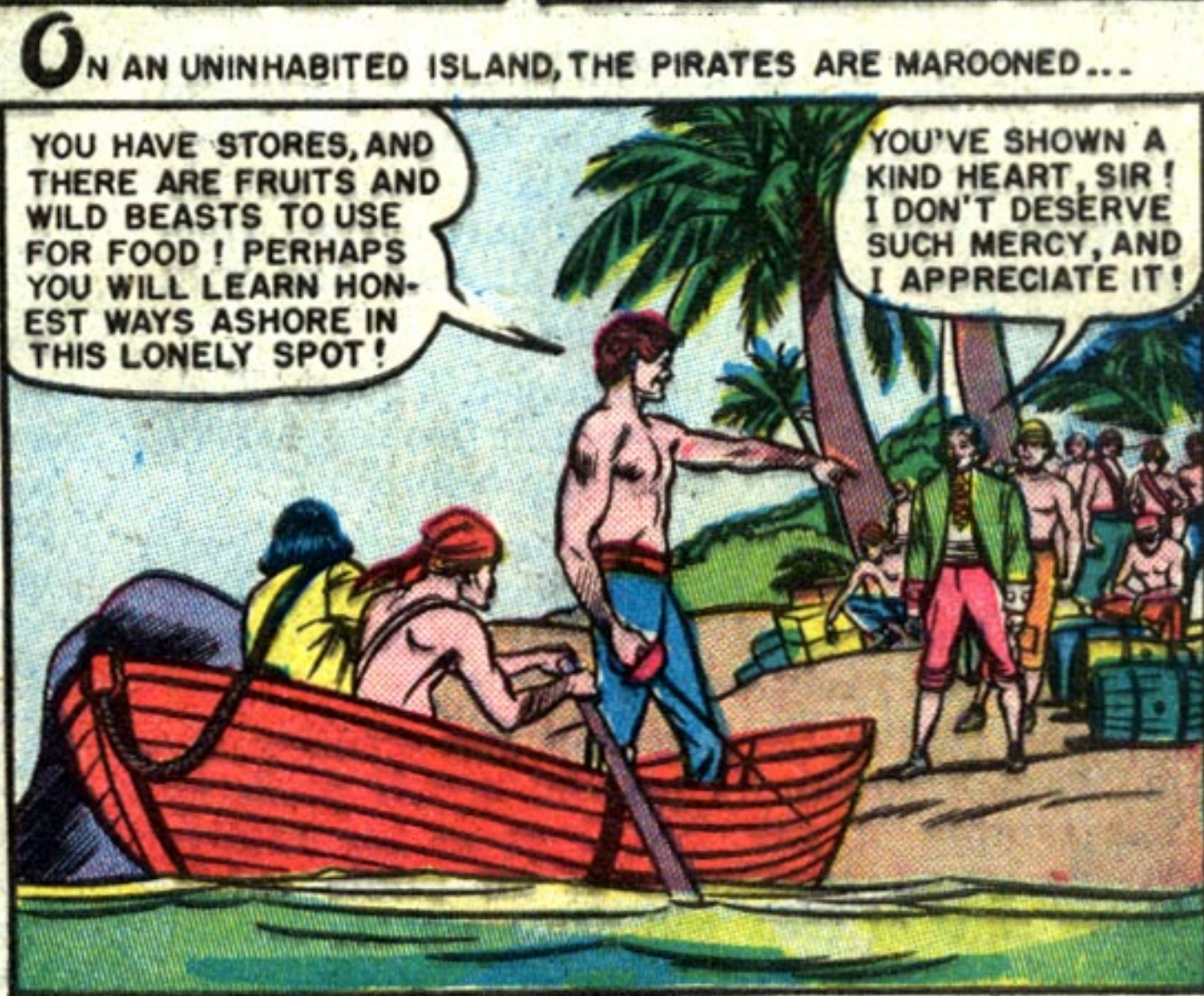
PUT A PRIZE CREW ABOARD MORAY'S SHIP AND SAIL FOR THE NEAREST DESERTED ISLAND!

YOU WON'T BRING THEM TO A PORT FOR TRIAL, ERIC?



IF THEY STAND TRIAL, PART OF AN UGLY STORY WILL COME OUT! ELGA KNOWS WHAT I MEAN!

TRUE! AND I THANK YOU FOR THE UNDERSTANDING AND MERCY YOU SHOW ME!



YOU HAVE STORES, AND THERE ARE FRUITS AND WILD BEASTS TO USE FOR FOOD! PERHAPS YOU WILL LEARN HONEST WAYS ASHORE IN THIS LONELY SPOT!

YOU'VE SHOWN A KIND HEART, SIR! I DON'T DESERVE SUCH MERCY, AND I APPRECIATE IT!



THERE, ELGA, THE PIRATE SHIP'S SUNK! NOW, WHEN WE RETURN TO MATTHEW TURLEY, ALL HE NEED KNOW WAS THAT YOU WERE STOLEN, NOT THAT YOU LOVED MORAY!

IF I LOVED HIM, THAT LOVE IS GONE! I DID NOT KNOW HOW TRUE AND KIND A MAN MATTHEW WAS! TAKE ME BACK TO HIM!



AND SO THE STORY ENDS...

SINK ME, ERIC, IF I DON'T BELIEVE ELGA TRULY LOVES ME FOR THE FIRST TIME! THE ADVENTURE HAS WARMED HER HEART!

A HAPPY WEDDING TO THE TWO OF YOU! IF ERIC WOULD BUT CEASE HIS VENTURING, I MIGHT HAVE A WEDDING OF MY OWN!

THE SUNRISE GUN

ONLY treachery could have accomplished the surprise of Captain Daring's seashore camp, and it was treachery that did it. Some one of his many foes—and he had many, who hoped to see an end to his fearless fight against piracy and oppression in the colonial waters—sent word to King Keelhaul, that most abominable of sea-raiders. And King Keelhaul set sail, with all guns loaded and ready and a picked crew of cutthroats, to the lonely key where Captain Daring had beached and careened his own craft for patching leaks and scraping barnacles.

It so happened that the capture was easy, Keelhaul's villains landing before dawn and closing in on the sleepy crew of Daring's party. No sentinels had been set, for no danger had been anticipated. The feeble resistance was quickly overcome. Daring himself had only sprung from his hammock when Keelhaul stunned him with a cowardly blow from behind.

"Throw water on this prisoner," quoth Keelhaul, twisting his evil, sweeping moustache. "I want him awake and trembling before me."

A drenching bucketful restored Daring's consciousness. He rose to find himself stripped of weapons and two of Keelhaul's pirates guarding him with ready swords.

"Ana, Daring, the bane of honest plunderers," guffawed Keelhaul. "I promise myself profit by this capture of you. You'll go as our captive to the grand rendezvous of all pirate chiefs. Every chief of them will pay me a big reward for the privilege of cursing and taunting you. And we'll pool our inventive talents to discover the torture by which you'll slowly and painfully die."

"Egad, Keelhaul, I know how you'd love to do it," replied Daring, who had not lost his ability to smile in the face of disaster, "but it's not to be, this time or any other. When do you propose to sail with us as your captives?"

"The evening tide will carry us through the harbor entrance," said Keelhaul. "Why do you ask, Daring?"

"Because you're doomed, not me," replied Daring. "At sunrise today my friends will destroy you."

Keelhaul laughed. "A bluff! A barefaced bluff! Ha! Ha! 'Twill not serve, Cap'n Daring!"

From one of the huts of the camp two pirates issued, leading between them a lovely, struggling

figure. "Behold, King Keelhaul!" cried one. "Here's an extra prize!"

And so it was. For with Captain Daring had sailed the lovely Lady Dolores. Keelhaul's eyes shone with admiration. "The lady can look at you and see that your career is ended, Daring," he said, "and perhaps she can transfer her affections to me, your conqueror."

He put out a hand toward the shrinking Dolores. "Touch her not," growled Daring.

"You defy us?" demanded Keelhaul.

"You hope to keep me alive to grace your triumph," said Daring. "Know that you must kill me before you touch the Lady Dolores. And, even unarmed against you all, I'll be hard to kill. Meanwhile, fate will come upon you with the rising of the sun. My good friend Patch leads a party of well-armed, brave men to destroy you."

"I still think you lie," blustered Keelhaul, but he left Dolores alone. "Well, men, let us have breakfast from the supplies of these captured enemies. Daring, I will go looking for Patch as soon as the sun gives us light to examine this little sand bar. And here comes the sun, to show us the way."

The sun was rising. "Hark!" said Daring. "Hear the harbinger of your destruction."

Even as he spoke, from somewhere on the sand dunes above sounded the thundering voice of a great cannon.

Keelhaul turned pale under his natural grime. "Guns! They bring guns against us, and we've left our own artillery on the ship. Captain Daring, you spoke truth. What shall we do?"

"Throw down your weapons, every rascal of you," said Daring quickly. "Else I raise my voice and bid Patch fire the next cannon into the heart of this camp."

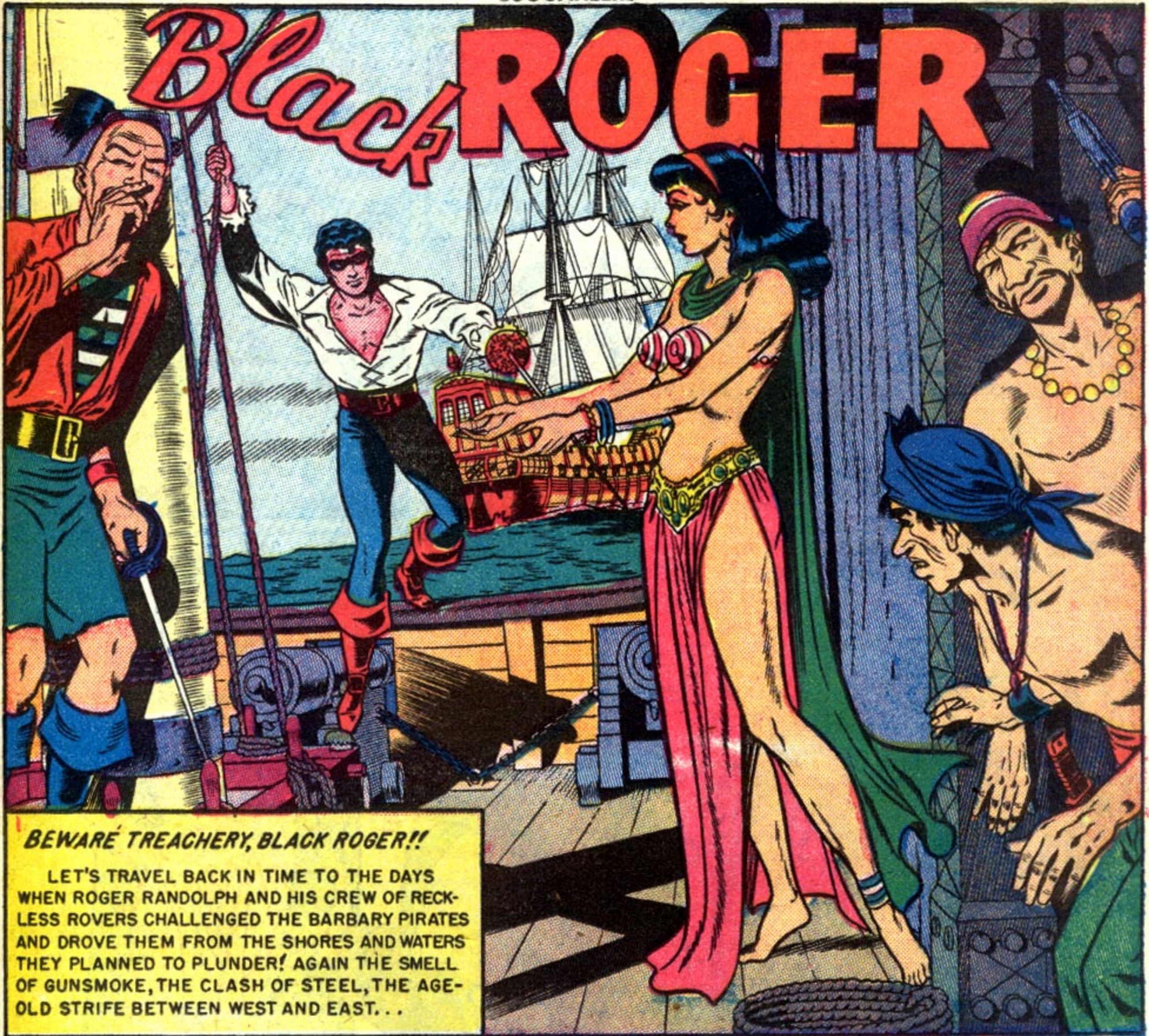
"Obey him!" bawled Keelhaul, and his followers cast down their guns and swords. Daring's men caught them up. Patch moved toward them in the light of the rising sun.

"I knew you'd fool 'em, Cap'n," he applauded Daring. "The sunrise gun—"

"Where are Patch's followers?" quavered Keelhaul.

"I imagined them," said Daring. "You heard our sunrise gun only—charged with powder and fired by a burning glass to catch the rays of the first sunlight. Men, take these captives aboard their own ship, to sail back and stand trial."

Black ROGER



BEWARE TREACHERY, BLACK ROGER!!

LET'S TRAVEL BACK IN TIME TO THE DAYS WHEN ROGER RANDOLPH AND HIS CREW OF RECKLESS ROVERS CHALLENGED THE BARBARY PIRATES AND DROVE THEM FROM THE SHORES AND WATERS THEY PLANNED TO PLUNDER! AGAIN THE SMELL OF GUNSMOKE, THE CLASH OF STEEL, THE AGE-OLD STRIFE BETWEEN WEST AND EAST...

BLACK ROGER HAS ARRIVED JUST IN TIME TO DRIVE BACK A RAIDING GALLEY FROM THE PEACEFUL SETTLEMENTS ON SHORE...

THAT BROADSIDE SCORED! SEE, THE COWARDLY DOGS FLEE... TOO FAST FOR US TO FOLLOW!

AYE, AND NO WONDER! WE MAKE SPEED FOR VENGEANCE ONLY... THEY MAKE SPEED FOR FEAR OF THEIR WICKED LIVES!



AS BLACK ROGER LANDS TO MAKE SURE ALL IS WELL...

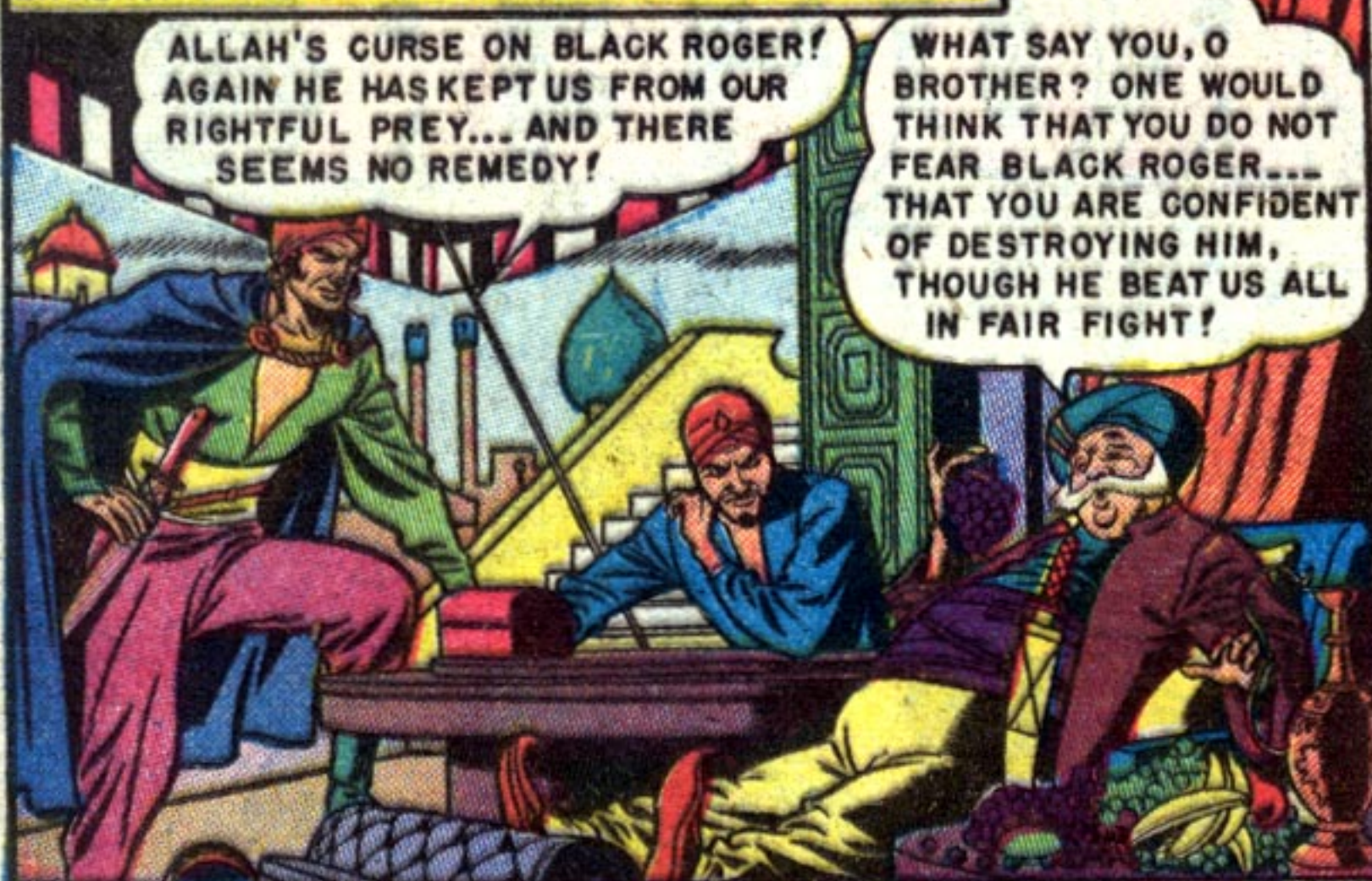
TALK TO THESE PEOPLE, BARTY! I'D RATHER FACE THE FULL FORCE OF MOSLEM DESTRUCTION THAN A VOLLEY OF COMPLIMENTS!

HAIL TO BLACK ROGER! HEAVEN SENT YOU, BRAVE SIR, TO BE OUR PROTECTION!



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BUT ELSEWHERE, BLACK ROGER'S NAME IS NOT BLESSED! A CONFERENCE OF BARBARY CAPTAINS HE HAS DEFEATED...

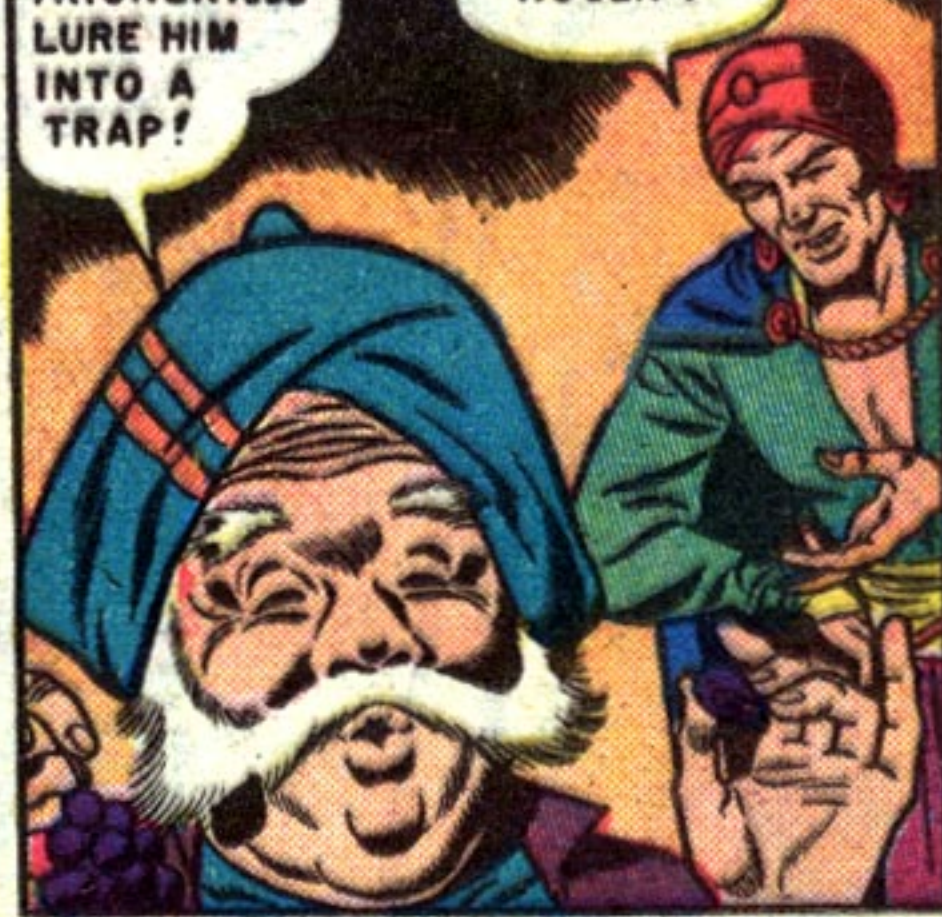


ALLAH'S CURSE ON BLACK ROGER! AGAIN HE HAS KEPT US FROM OUR RIGHTFUL PREY... AND THERE SEEMS NO REMEDY!

WHAT SAY YOU, O BROTHER? ONE WOULD THINK THAT YOU DO NOT FEAR BLACK ROGER... THAT YOU ARE CONFIDENT OF DESTROYING HIM, THOUGH HE BEAT US ALL IN FAIR FIGHT!

IF HE CANNOT BE BEATEN IN FAIR FIGHT, WE MUST TRY TRICKERY... LURE HIM INTO A TRAP!

WELL SAID! BUT HOW? WHAT BAIT MIGHT ATTRACT THAT DEVIL-TAUGHT BLACK ROGER?



WHAT BAIT INDEED, BUT THE SUREST BAIT FOR A MAN? A WOMAN... MEET MY WELL-TAUGHT YOUNG ALLY, *NOURMA*!

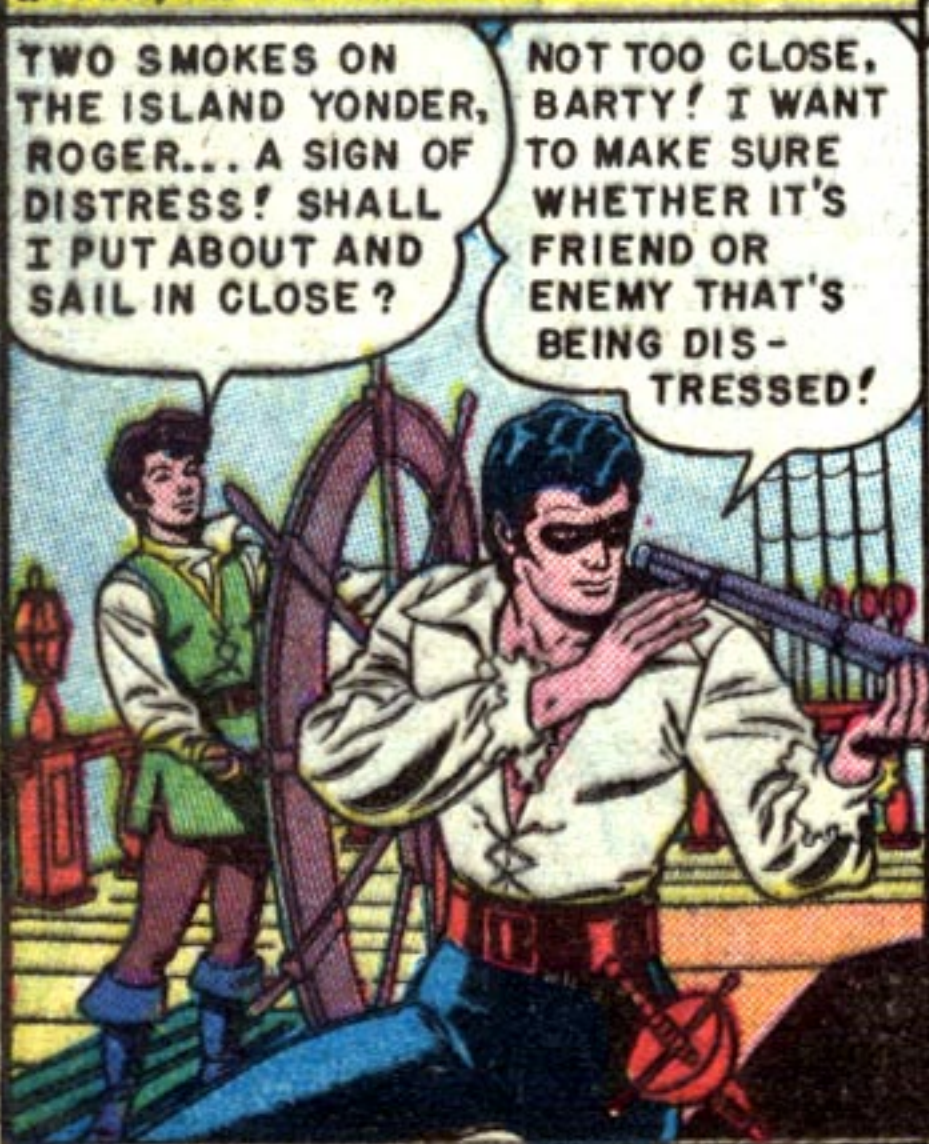
BY THE PROPHET'S BEARD, SHE IS AS LOVELY AS AN ANGEL FROM PARADISE!

TRULY SPOKEN! AND IS IT NOT WRITTEN THAT ANGELS OUTWIT DEVILS? I HAVE INSTRUCTED NOURMA IN A PLAN TO DECEIVE THIS MADDENING BLACK ROGER!

LISTEN AND OBEY! WITH PROPER HELP, MY TRICKERY MAY END HIS CAREER FOREVER!



LATER, AS BLACK ROGER CRUISES...



TWO SMOKES ON THE ISLAND YONDER, ROGER... A SIGN OF DISTRESS! SHALL I PUT ABOUT AND SAIL IN CLOSE?

NOT TOO CLOSE, BARTY! I WANT TO MAKE SURE WHETHER IT'S FRIEND OR ENEMY THAT'S BEING DISTRESSED!



A BOAT'S PUTTING OFF TO MEET US!

AND ONLY A SINGLE WOMAN IN IT! STAND BY TO BRING HER ABOARD!



HASTEN, I PRAY YOU, GOOD FRIENDS! OUR LITTLE ISLAND VILLAGE HAS BEEN LAID WASTE BY PIRATES! I ALONE AM UNWOUNDED AND ABLE TO COME TO YOU!

THIS GIRL HAS A MOSLEM LOOK AND SPEECH!

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I AM OF THE FAITH OF ALLAH...BUT MY TOWN PROTESTED AT THE CRUELITIES OF THE PIRATES! FOR PUNISHMENT THEY DESTROYED OUR HOMES, KILLED AND PLUNDERED!



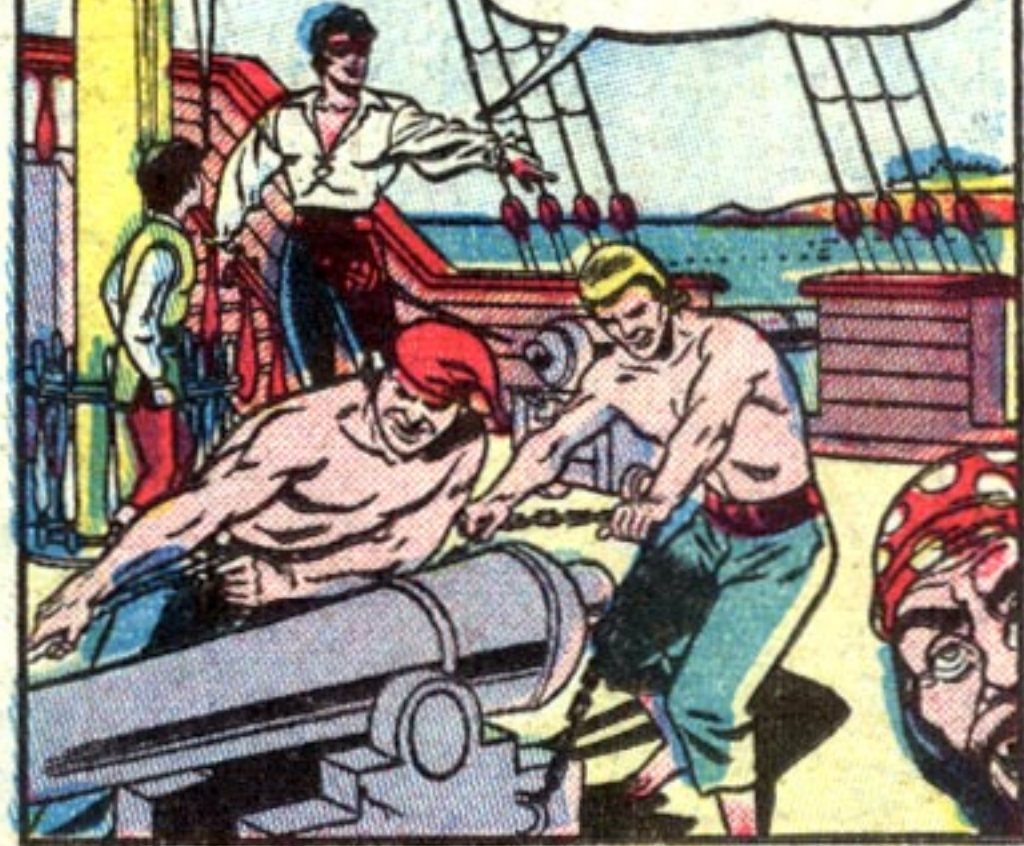
SAD...IF TRUE! BUT WHAT IF YOU WERE SENT BY ENEMIES WAITING ASHORE TO AMBUSH US?

OUR WHOLE COMPANY MIGHT COME TRUSTINGLY ASHORE... AND BE STRUCK DOWN UNAWARES!



I SWEAR IT WILL NOT HAPPEN! BUT IF YOU SUSPECT ME, SEND ONLY A SMALL PARTY! THE OTHERS CAN TRAIN THEIR GUNS ON THE SHORE AS A GUARD!

SHE'S RIGHT, ROGER! THAT WOULD KEEP US FROM BEING SURPRISED OR BOARDED! PERHAPS SO! BRING THE GUNS FROM THE SEAWARD PORTS... TRAIN EVERY ONE ON THE SHORE! LOAD THEM AND STAND BY!



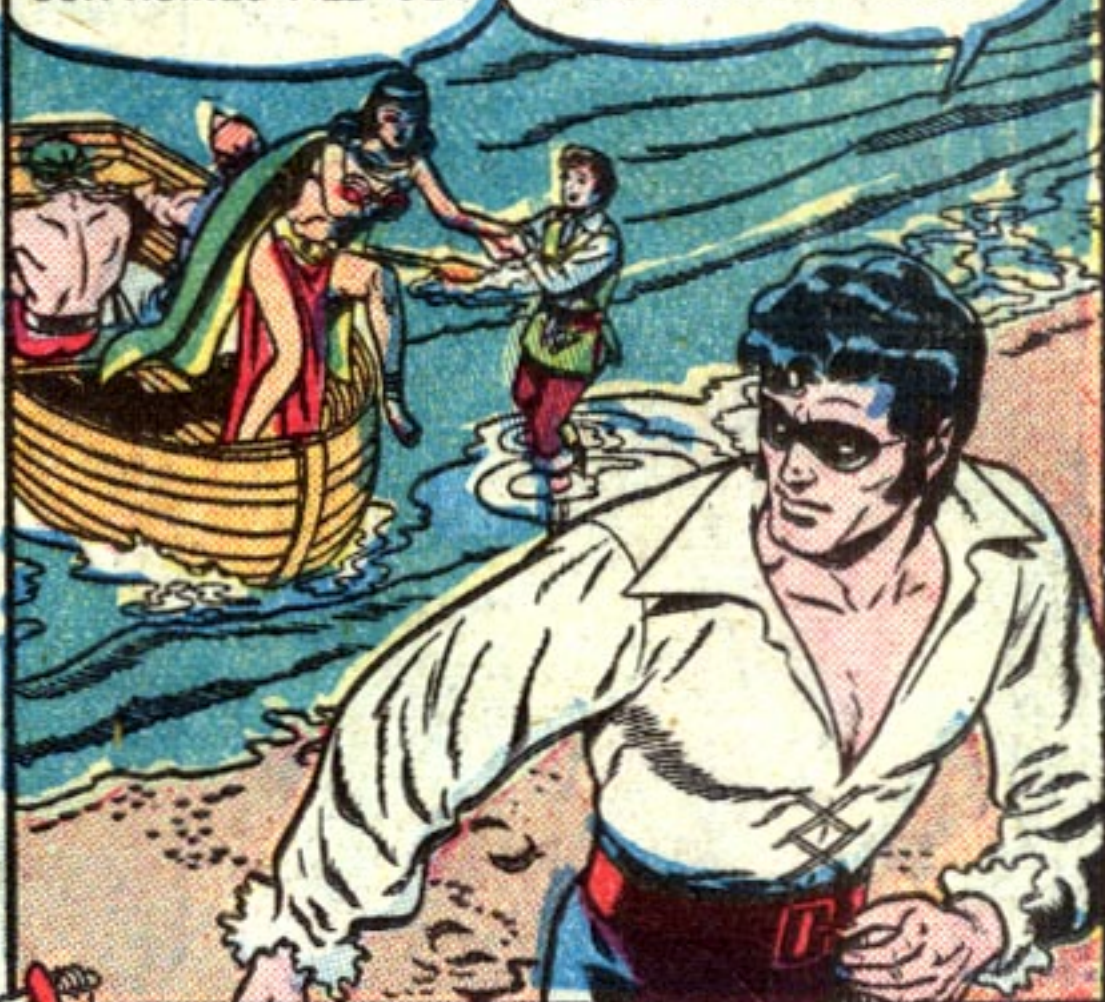
BARTY AND I WILL GO ASHORE WITH THIS GIRL AND SEE IF THINGS ARE AS SHE SAYS! IF WE DON'T RETURN WITHIN AN HOUR, COME LOOKING FOR US... AND COME SHOOTING!



I MYSELF WILL BE SURETY FOR YOUR SAFETY, BRAVE STRANGER!

NOW, JUST OUT OF SIGHT FROM HERE IS OUR RUINED VILLAGE!

STAND BY HERE TO TAKE US OFF, IF NECESSARY! WE'LL INVESTIGATE!



SO IT WAS TRICKERY! NO SETTLEMENT HERE... ONLY TWO FALSE SIGNAL FIRES!

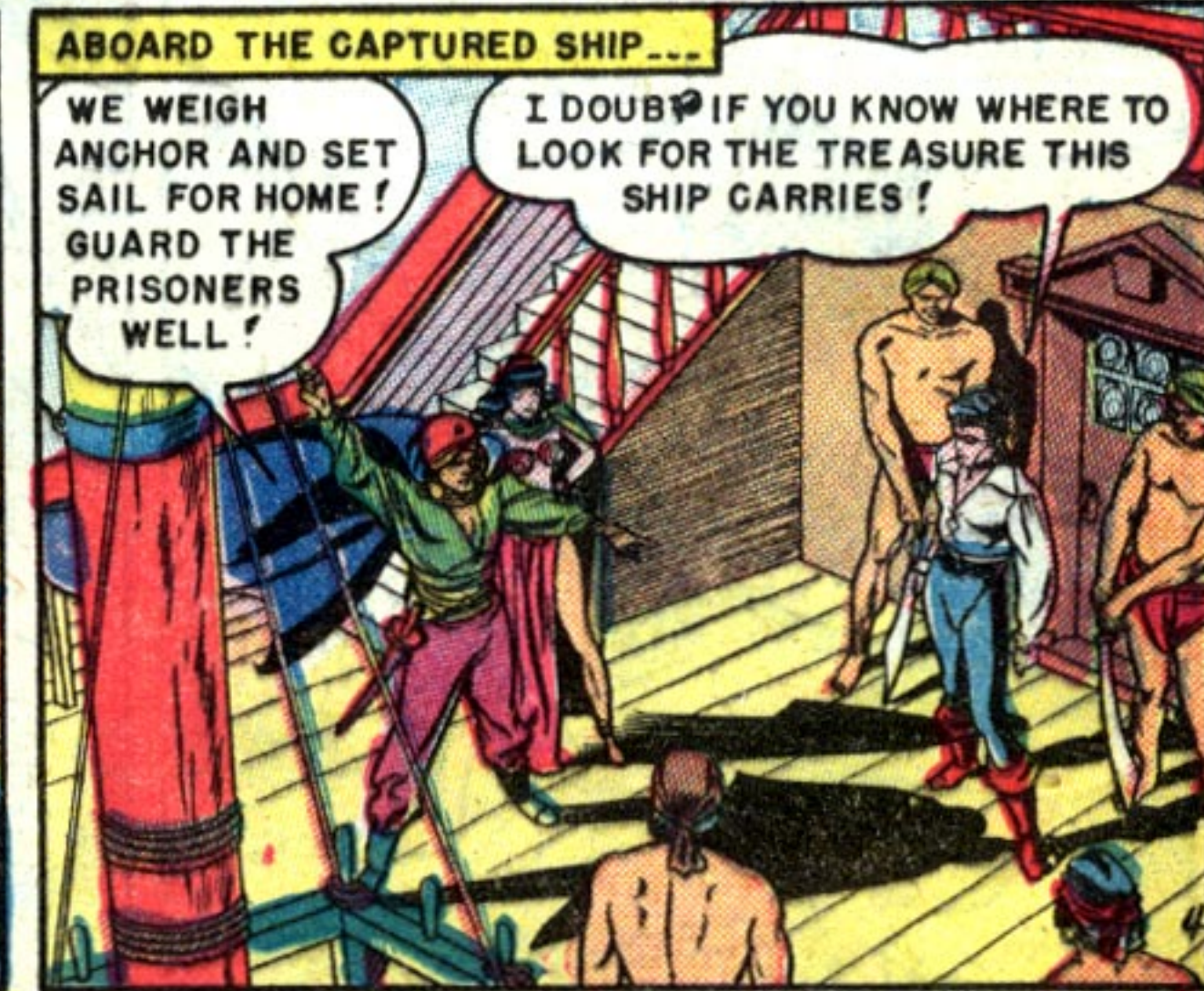
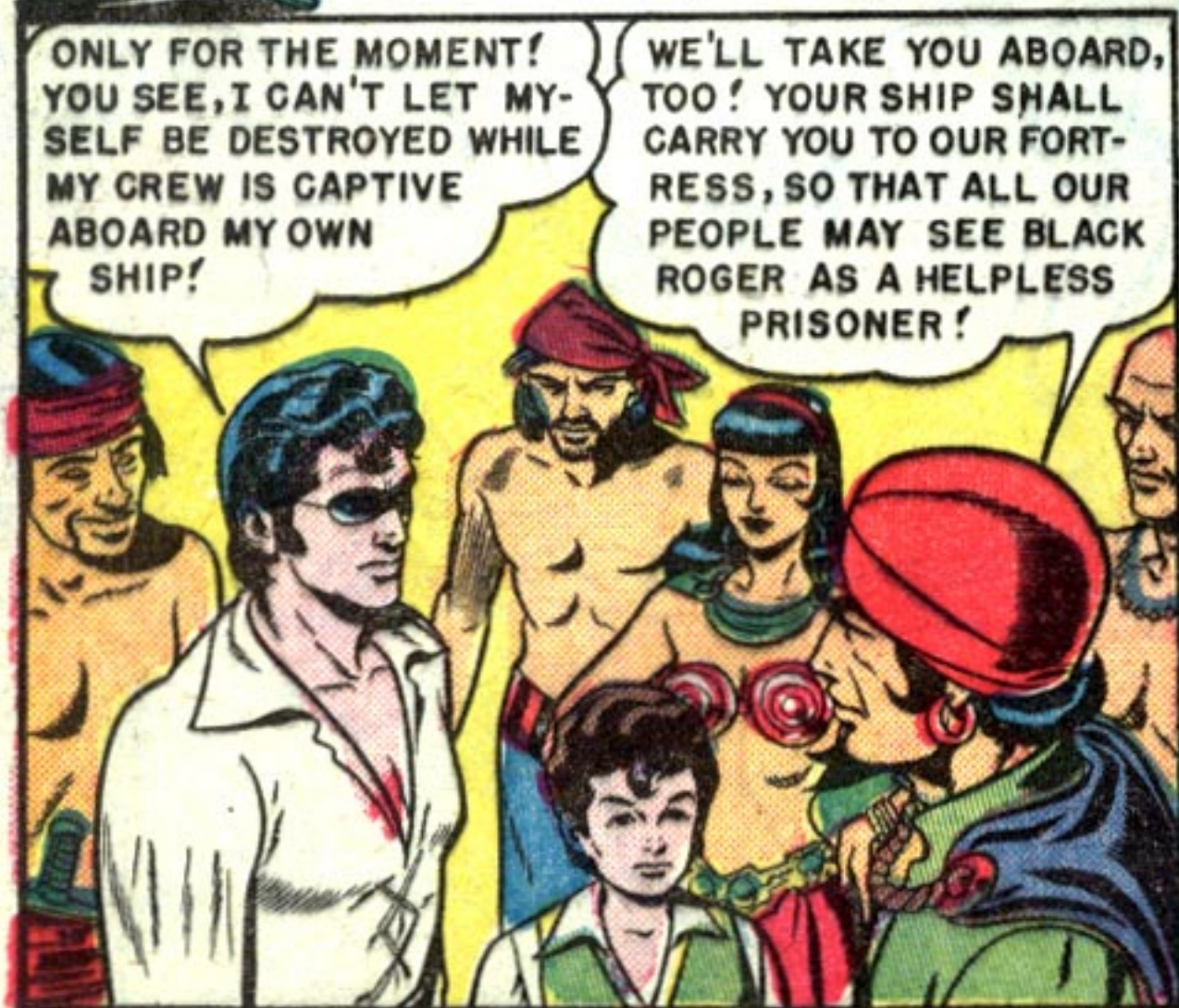
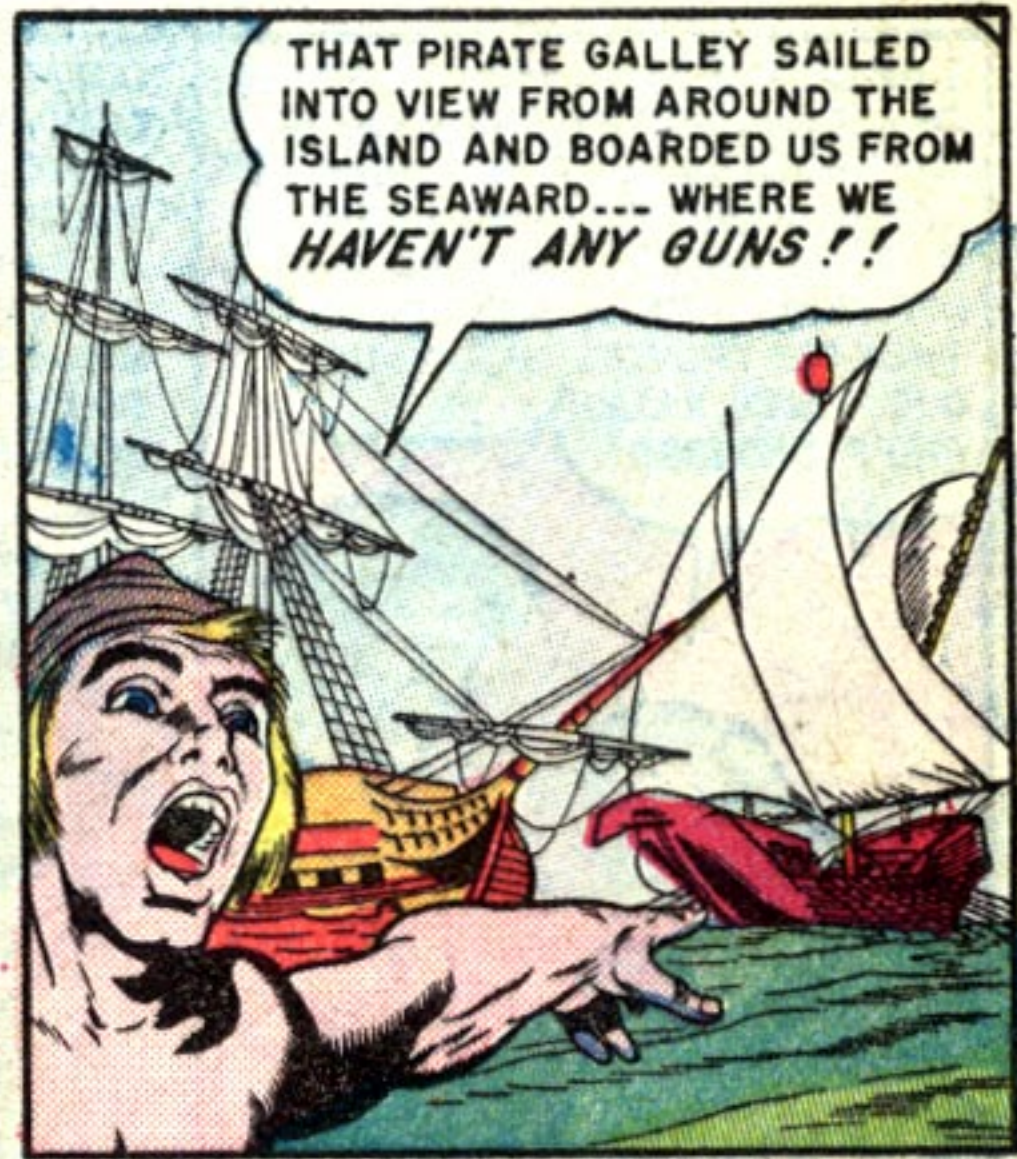


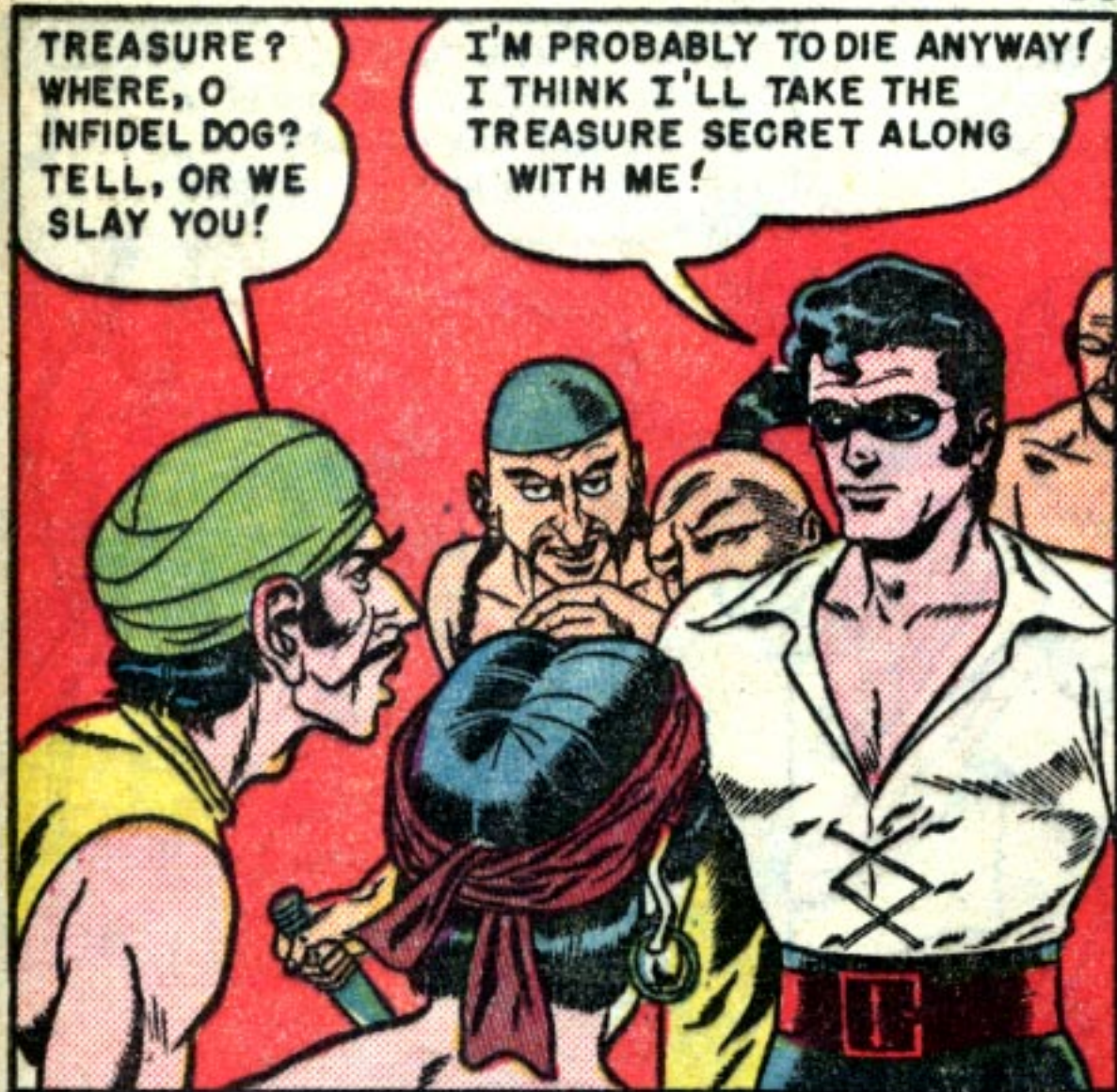
BUT WE ARE NOT ALONE, BLACK ROGER! RISE, MOSLEMS, AND CAPTURE HIM!



YOUR LAST HOUR HAS COME, CHILD OF THE EVIL ONE!

BETTER WONDER ABOUT YOUR OWN LAST HOUR! STAND BY FOR ACTION, BARTY!





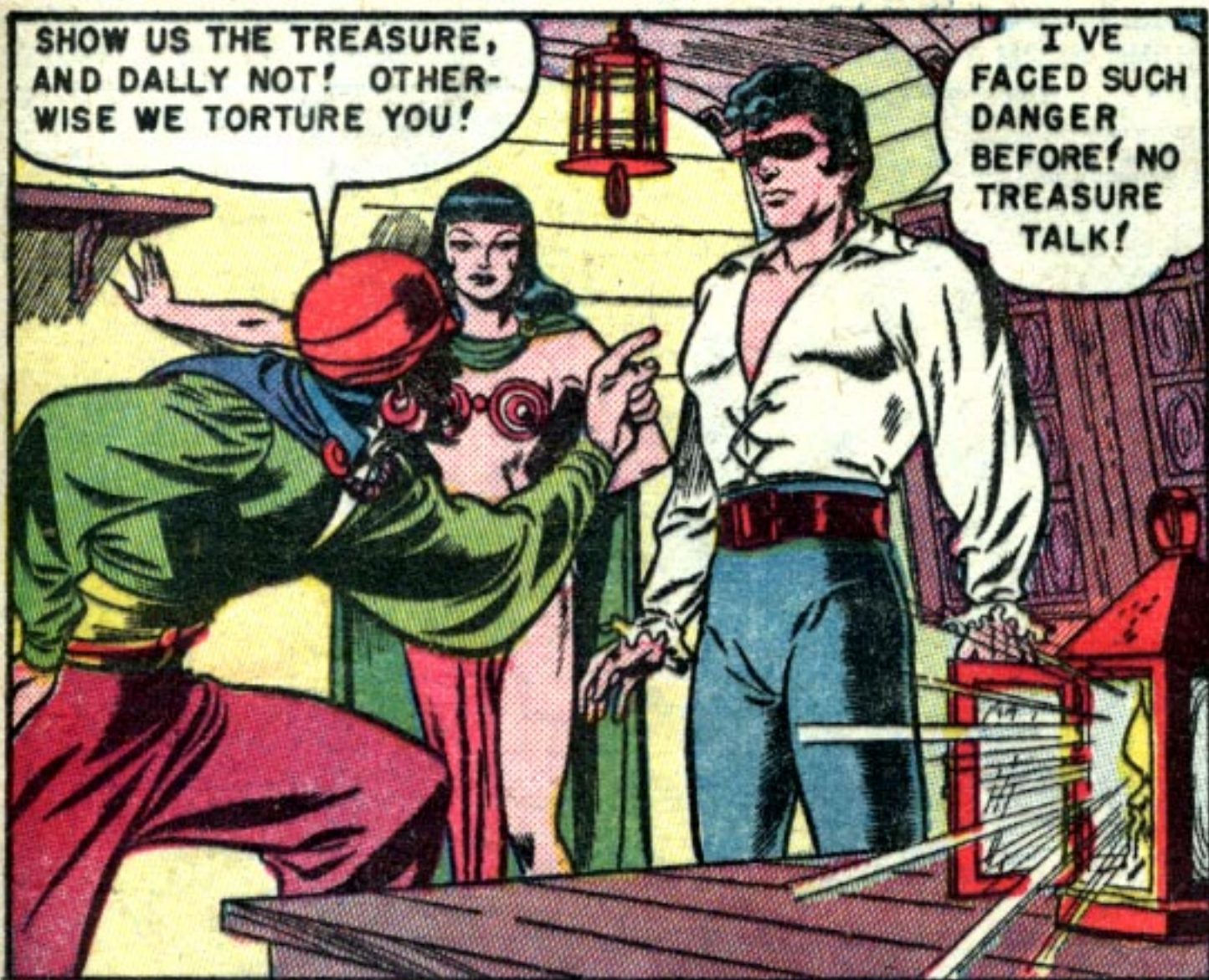
TREASURE?
WHERE, O
INFIDEL DOG?
TELL, OR WE
SLAY YOU!

I'M PROBABLY TO DIE ANYWAY!
I THINK I'LL TAKE THE
TREASURE SECRET ALONG
WITH ME!



INTO THE CABIN, BLACK
ROGER! COME WITH
ME, NOURMA... WE'LL
FORCE HIM TO TALK!

YOU MEAN...
YOU'LL TRY!



SHOW US THE TREASURE,
AND DALLY NOT! OTHER-
WISE WE TORTURE YOU!

I'VE
FACED SUCH
DANGER
BEFORE! NO
TREASURE
TALK!



WAIT, GHARIB! HIS LITTLE
FRIEND BARTY MAY BE
LESS BOLD AT THE
THREAT OF TORMENT!

HOLD ON!
LEAVE BARTY
ALONE! I'LL
TELL YOU...



IT'S IN THAT BIG
JAR! LIFT IT
DOWN AND HELP
YOURSELF!

I'LL
NOT TOUCH
IT! I'LL
KEEP THIS
GUN TRAINED
ON YOU! GET
THE JAR,
NOURMA!



NAY, O
GHARIB!
IT IS TOO
HEAVY...
FOR A
WOMAN
TO LIFT
DOWN!

THEN THE
PRISONER
SHALL GET IT
FOR US! DO
SO, BLACK
ROGER!



SEE, I WAS
RIGHT! IT IS
HEAVY...
FULL OF
JEWELS,
PERHAPS!

I WILL
EXAMINE
IT FIRST!

BUCCANEERS



AYE, GHARIB! YOU'LL EXAMINE IT FIRST!

YOU SHALL DIE FOR THAT TRICK, BLACK ROGER!



TRICK FOR TRICK, PRETTY ONE! NO SHOUTING FOR HELP...



THERE! YOU'RE ALMOST AS MOTIONLESS AS GHARIB! NOW TO GET HIS TURBAN AND CLOAK!



BY YOUR LEAVE, LADY! I HAVE A NEED FOR SOME HAIR...FOR A BEARD LIKE GHARIB'S! LUCKILY, THE TAR ON THE PORTHOLE HAS MELTED IN THE SUN! I'LL USE IT FOR PASTE!



ISSUING FROM THE CABIN IN DISGUISE, BLACK ROGER IMITATES GHARIB'S VOICE...

STACK THE WEAPONS OF THE PRISONERS AGAINST THE MAST!

AT ONCE, MIGHTY GHARIB!



THE TASK IS DONE... THE WEAPONS ALL TOGETHER!

AYE! GRAB ONE, BARTY!!



THE SUDDENNESS OF THE TRICK THROWS THE CAPTORS OFF GUARD...

SEIZE YOUR WEAPONS, MEN! ATTACK THEM!

THERE COMES THE GALLEY, ROGER!

WE'VE RECAPTURED OUR OWN SHIP! LET THE GALLEY COME ALONGSIDE... WHERE OUR GUNS WAIT, *STILL LOADED!*

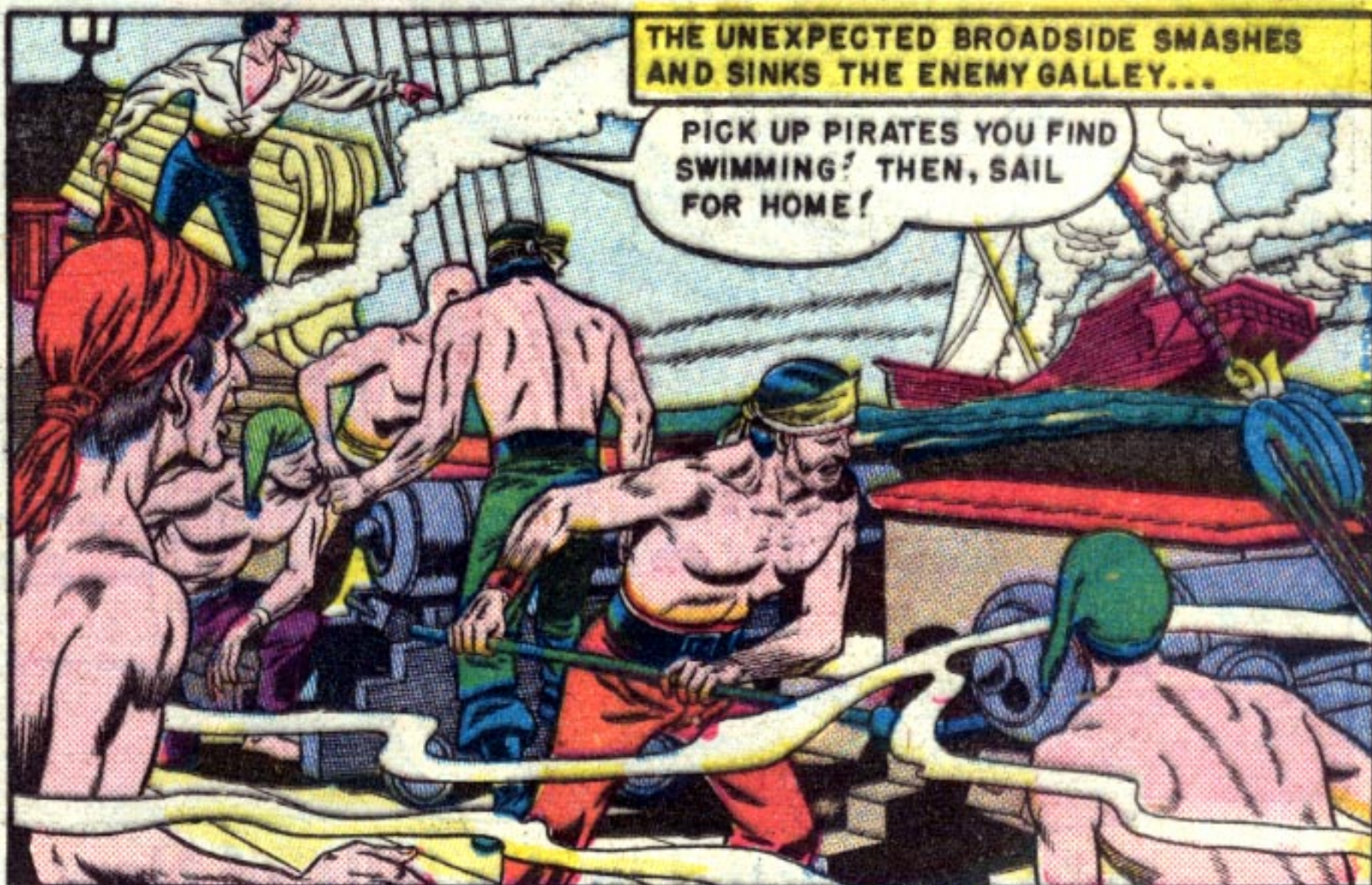
AS THE PIRATE CRAFT DRAWS NEAR...

ALLAH BE WITH YOU, O GHARIB! WHAT IS THE DISTURBANCE ABOARD YOU?

IT IS NOTHING TO THE DISTURBANCE COMING ABOARD *YOU!*



FIRE!



THE UNEXPECTED BROADSIDE SMASHES AND SINKS THE ENEMY GALLEY...

PICK UP PIRATES YOU FIND SWIMMING? THEN, SAIL FOR HOME!

NOURMA! WHAT HAPPENED? I THOUGHT BLACK ROGER WAS SHOWING US A WONDROUS TREASURE!

KEEP QUIET, GHARIB! YOU HAD A HEAVY BLOW ON THE HEAD! THINGS ARE CHANGED... YOU AND NOURMA ARE NOW *MY* PRISONERS!

TEN THOUSAND CURSES WEIGH YOU DOWN, BLACK ROGER! YOU ARE TREACHEROUS... SNEAKING...

GIVE HIM HIS DUE, GHARIB! WE TRIED TRICKERY AND FAILED... HE TRIED TRICKERY AND SUCCEEDED!

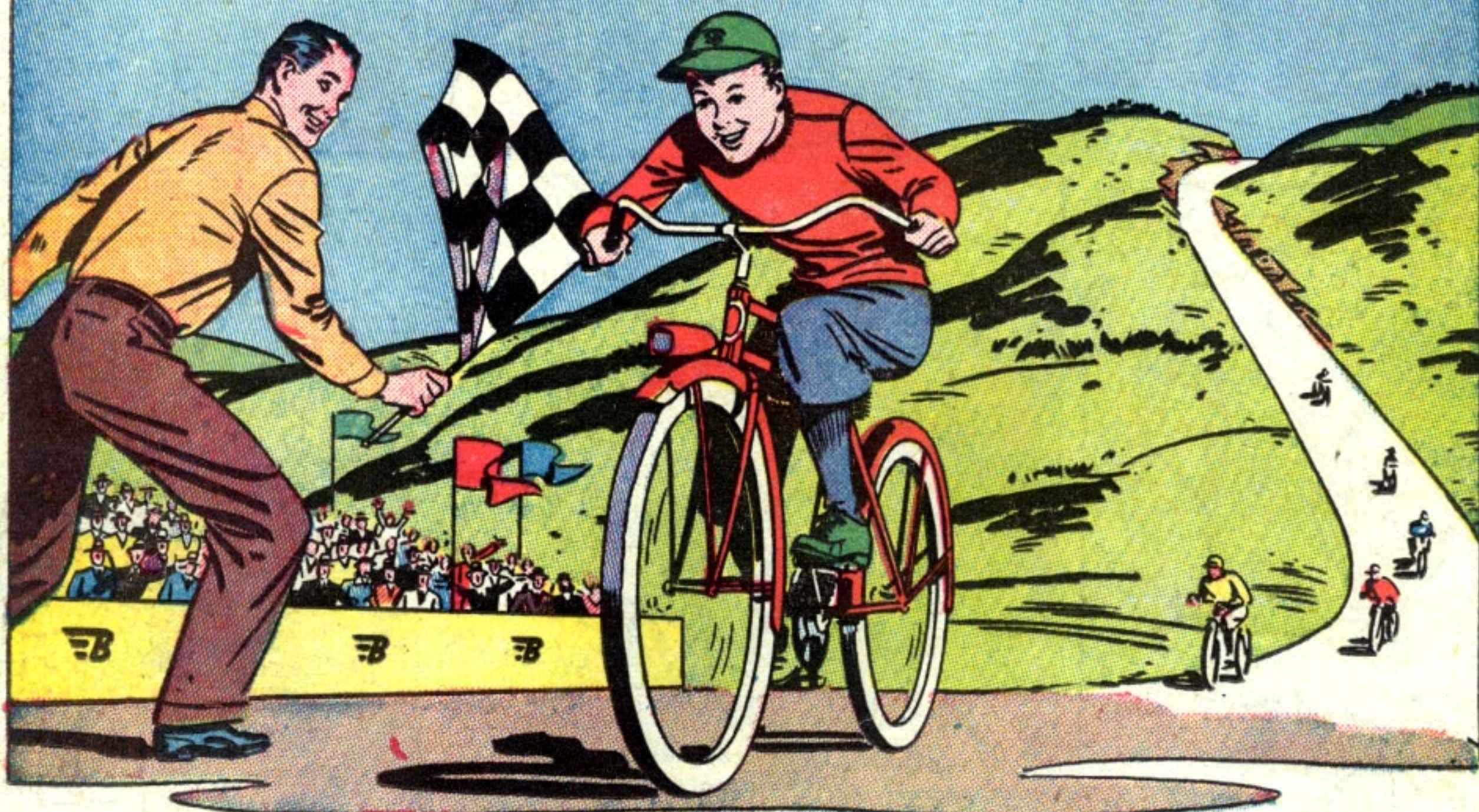
I COULD FIND IT IN MY HEART TO WISH THAT BLACK ROGER AND I WERE ALLIES, NOT ENEMIES!

SUCH MIGHT BE A PLEASANT RELATIONSHIP, NOURMA! BUT FATE HAS RULED OTHERWISE... SO DON'T PLAN ANY NEW TRICKS!

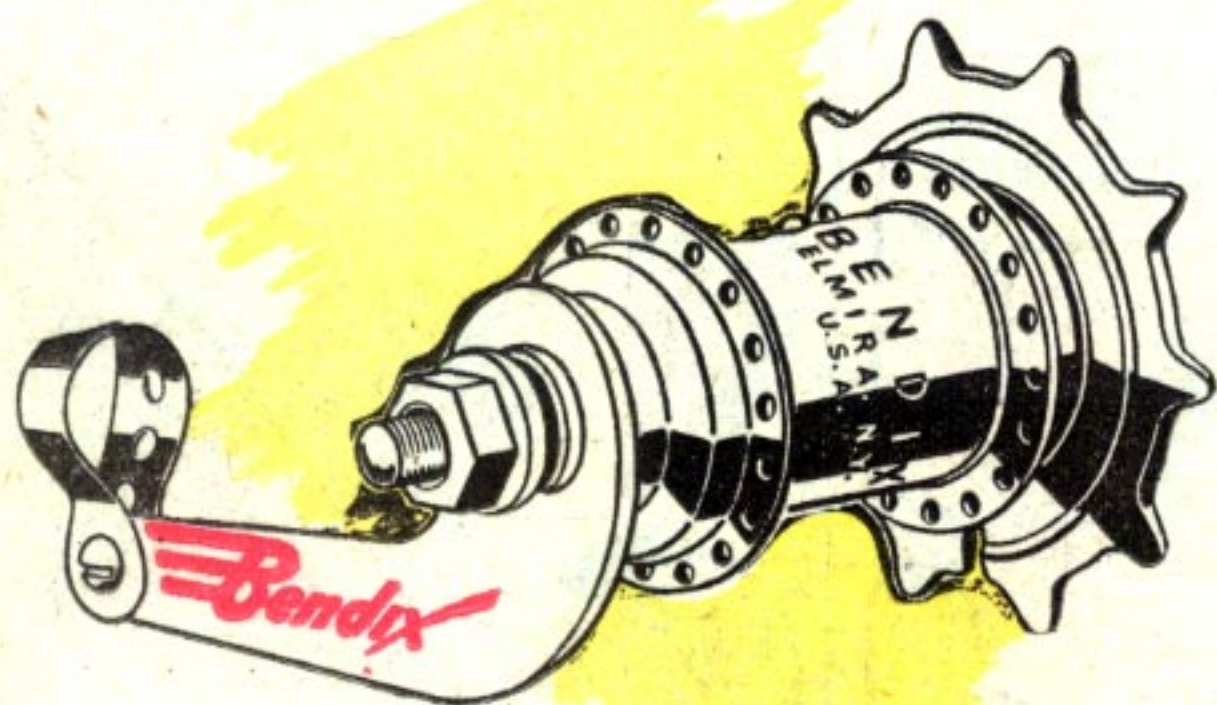




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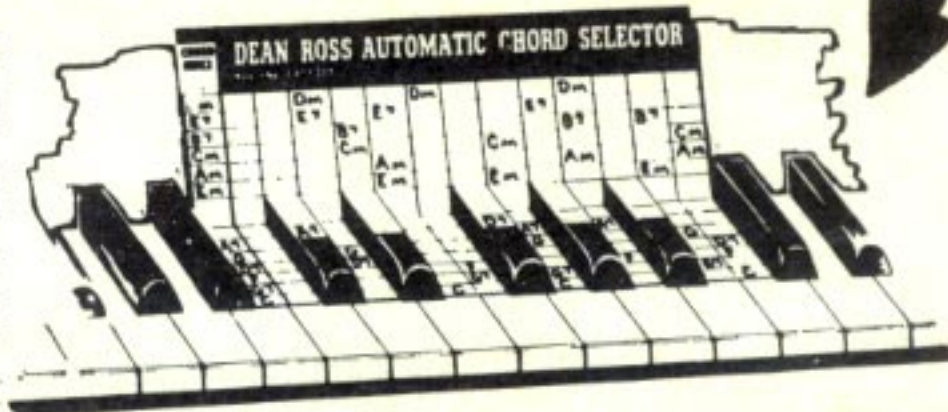
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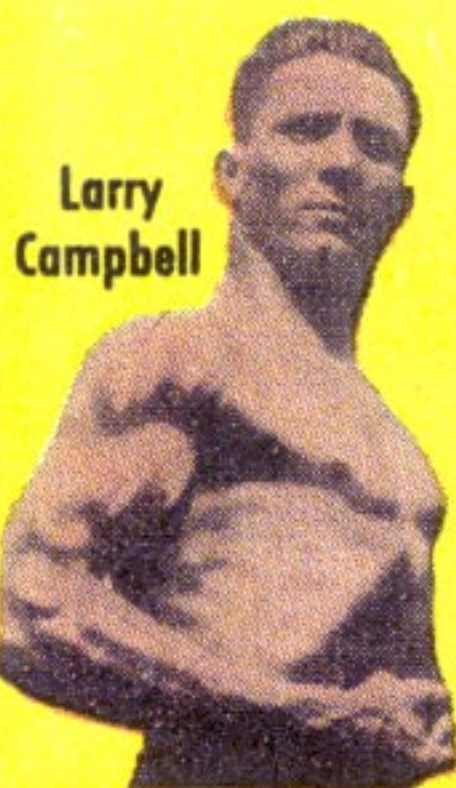
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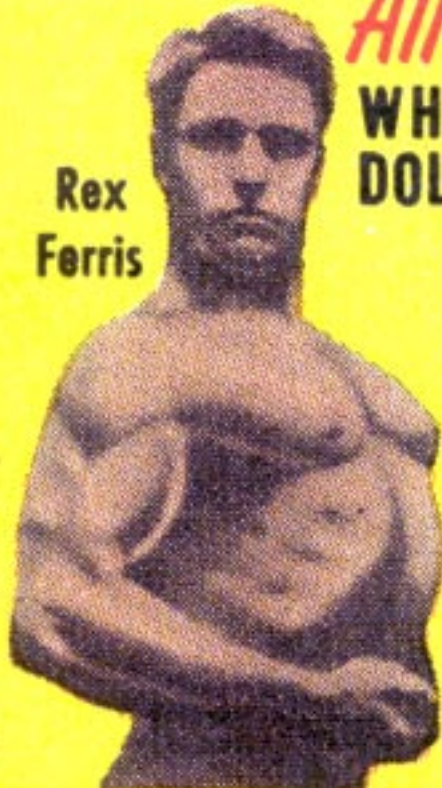
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